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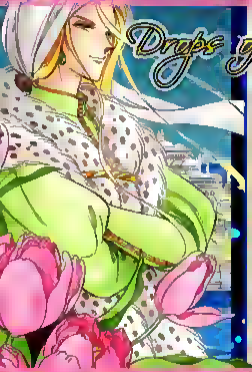

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CHARACTERS

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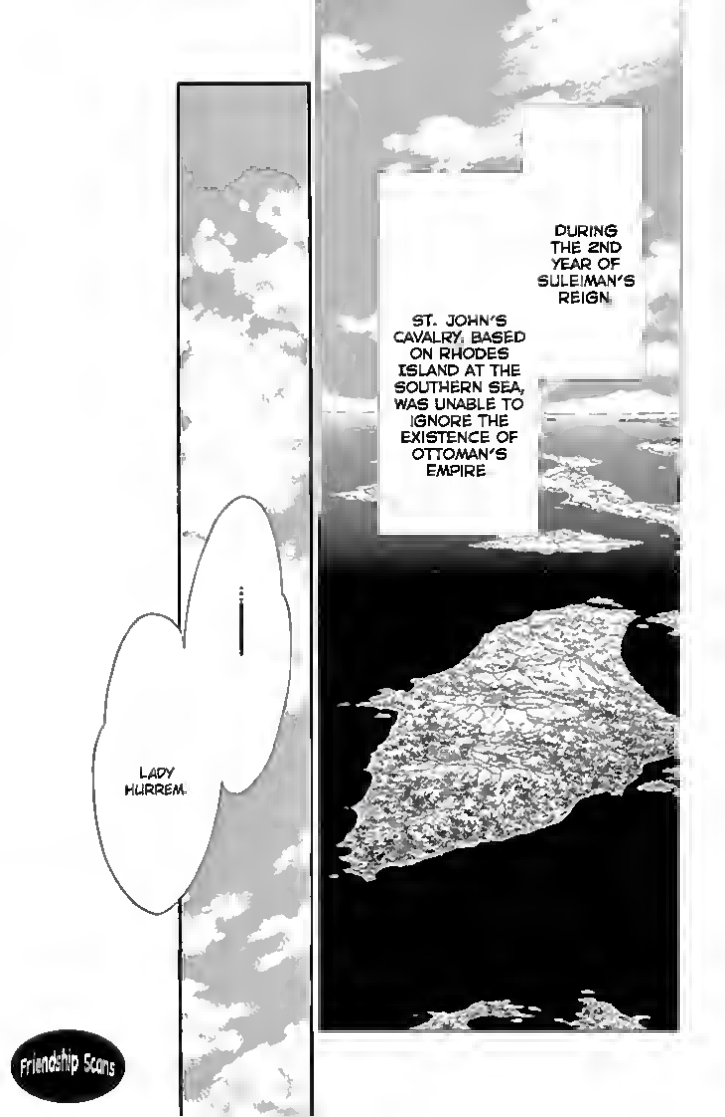
ST. JOHN'S CAVALRY
THE STRONGEST CAVALRY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION DURING THE CRUSADER ERA.
ITS ORIGINS CAN BE TRACED BACK TWO CENTURIES; THEY ARE PART OF THE CHRISTIAN FORCES WHOSE GOAL IS TO CAPTURE JERUSALEM.

BLACK SEA
ANATOLIA PENINSULA
DURING THE EARLY 13TH CENTURY, WHEN THE CRUSADERS WERE NEARING THEIR END, THE CAVALRY MAIN BASE WAS MOVED TO RHODE ISLAND.
THE AEGEAN SEA IS QUITE WELL-KNOWN.
OTTOMAN AS THE DOMINION AND ANATOLIA AT THE ADJOINING BORDER BROUGHT PROSPERITY TO THE ANCIENT RHODES ISLAND.
AEGEAN SEA
RHODES ISLAND
MEDITERRANEAN SEA


DURING THE 2ND YEAR OF SULEIMAN'S REIGN.
ST. JOHN'S CAVALRY, BASED ON RHODES ISLAND AT THE SOUTHERN SEA, WAS UNABLE TO IGNORE THE EXISTENCE OF OTTOMAN'S EMPIRE
LADY HURREM.

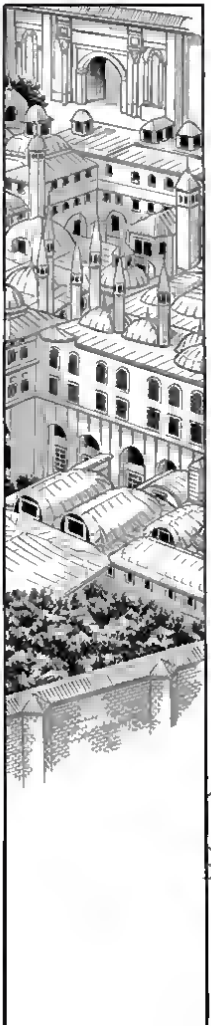
Friendship Scans

ER
ERM...
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY AREN'T YOU FOCUSED?
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF RHODES ISLAND,
THEN DO YOU ALSO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIS MAJESTY SULEIMAN?
AH... I'M SO SORRY, LALA CASSIM.

NO.
I DON'T REALLY MEAN THAT!
IT IS NATURAL FOR YOU TO ACT ON GIVING THOUGHTS TO MATTERS CONCERNING HIS MAJESTY.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE AN IMMEDIATE DENIAL,
THEN,
CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
WHY DO YOU THINK HIS MAJESTY SULEIMAN MADE HIS FIRST CHOICE EXPEDITION TO RHODES ISLAND?
PERHAPS HIS MAJESTY IS OVERLY SUSPICIOUS ON THIS MATTER.

TO THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE RHODES ISLAND IS VERY IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF ROUTE.
IT MUST BE PASSED THROUGH FOR PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA AND TRADING IN ALEXANDRIA.
RHODES ISLAND
I HEARD THAT THE PIRATES IN RHODES ISLAND ARE BUILDING THEIR HARBORS TO RANSACK OTTOMAN'S SHIPS
THE CURRENTS AND WIND IN THE AEGEAN SEA ARE VERY SEVERE, THEREFORE THE SHIPS ARE BOUND TO TURN TO THE NARROW STRAIT

THE CENTRAL BASE MUST FIRST BE STABILIZED, IN ORDER FOR OUR SOLDIERS TO ENTER FOREIGN LAND.
PERHAPS HIS MAJESTY THINKS IN SUCH A WAY...
SO THAT'S IT FOR TODAY.



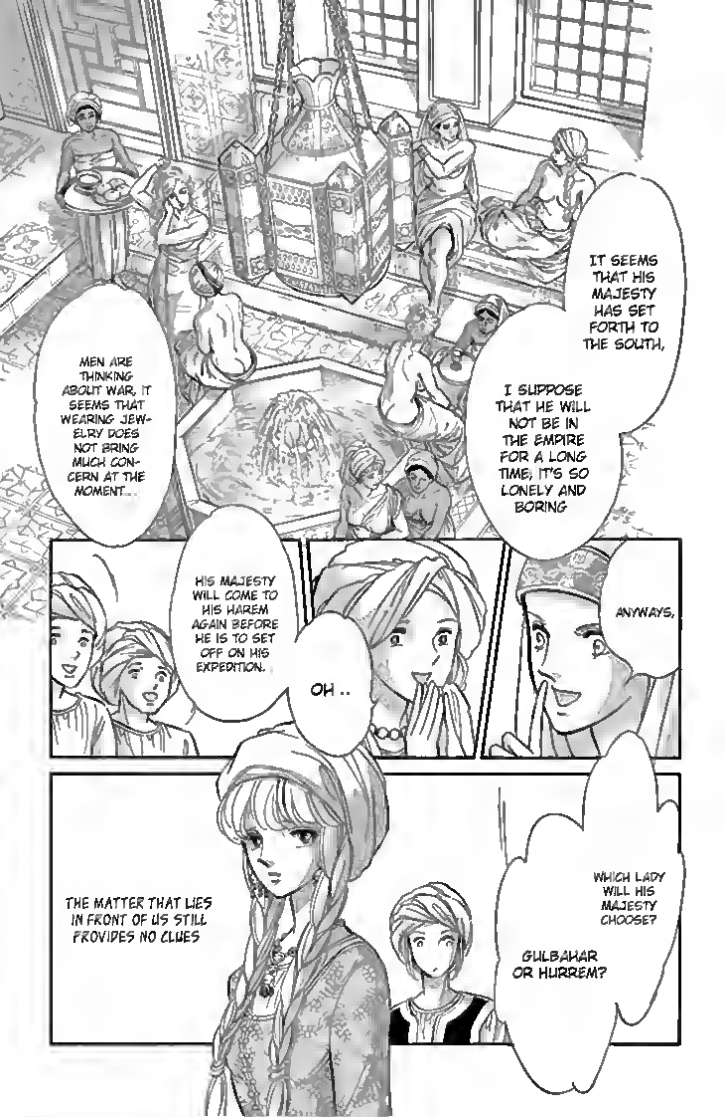
SO THAT'S IT FOR TODAY.

THERE WILL BE MORE TIME TO LEARN SINCE HIS MAJESTY HAS LEFT FOR HIS EXPEDITION

IT IS REALLY FUN TO THINK ABOUT THINGS CONCERNING THE OUTSIDE

ALTHOUGH I AM ONLY ABLE TO THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS, THAT'S ALL...

ALRIGHT


IT SEEMS THAT HIS MAJESTY HAS SET FORTH TO THE SOUTH,
I SUPPOSE THAT HE WILL NOT BE IN THE EMPIRE FOR A LONG TIME; IT'S SO LONELY AND BORING
MEN ARE THINKING ABOUT WAR, IT SEEMS THAT WEARING JEWELRY DOES NOT BRING MUCH CONCERN AT THE MOMENT...
ANYWAYS,
HIS MAJESTY WILL COME TO HIS HAREM AGAIN BEFORE HE IS TO SET OFF ON HIS EXPEDITION.
OH ..
WHICH LADY WILL HIS MAJESTY CHOOSE?
GULBAHAR OR HURREM?
THE MATTER THAT LIES IN FRONT OF US STILL PROVIDES NO CLUES

SINCE I AM DETERMINED TO PERSEVERE IN THIS HAREM,
MY HEART IS SHAKEN.
ATTENTION!
THE HAREM'S WARDEN IS HERE!
!

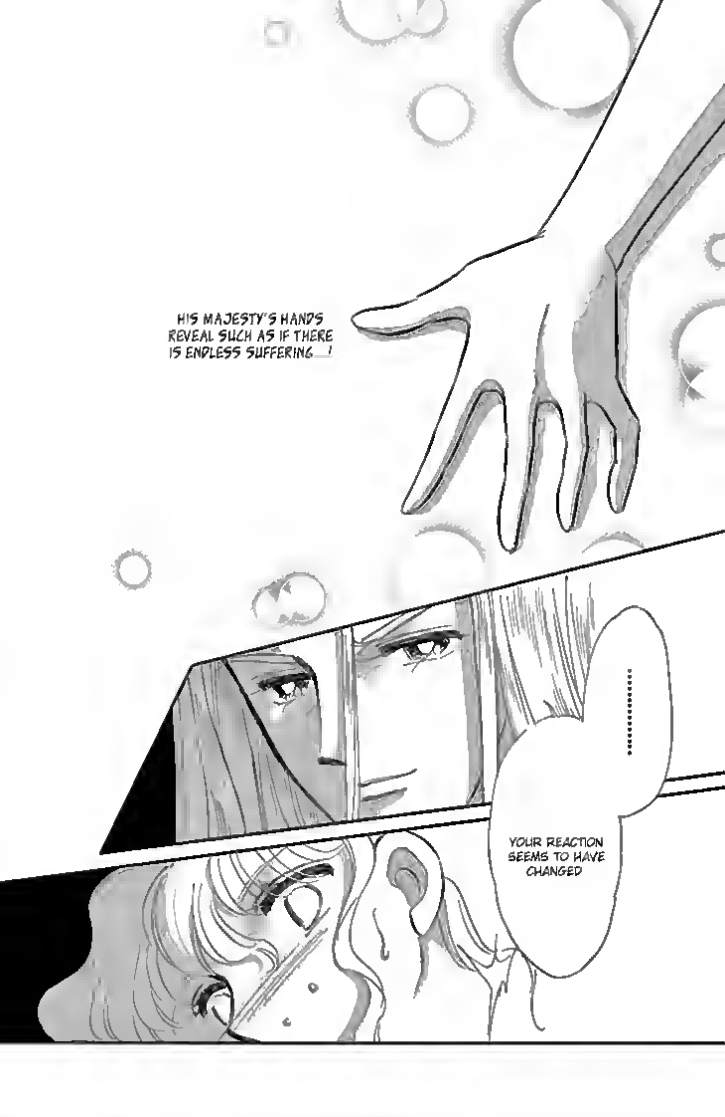
JUST TO TELL EVERYONE,
HIS MAJESTY WILL COME TO THE HAREM TODAY
IT IS HURREM'S TURN TO ATTEND TO HIS MAJESTY TONIGHT.
LADY HURREM, PLEASE CLEAN YOURSELF UP AND WAIT.
YES, I UNDERSTAND.
Friendship Scans

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
ALTHOUGH I HAVE NO REGRETS, I'VE BETRAYED HIS MAJESTY.
LISTEN,
I WILL BE GOING TO RHODES ISLAND THIS TIME.

MY HEART IS RACING
UNDER-STOOD
I BELIEVE HIS MAJESTY'S TALENT WILL BRING BACK VICTORY
DO YOU KNOW WHY I ASKED YOU TO COME TO ME BEFORE THE EXPEDITION?
AH...?

GENERALLY MOST CONCUBINES WOULD BE NAGGING ON COMING BACK EARLY, OR TAKING CARE OF YOUR BODY, THINGS LIKE THAT
I PURPOSELY MAKE IT SUCH A WAY IN ORDER TO NOT LISTEN TO THOSE DISAPPOINTING WORDS. ALTHOUGH I'M ABOUT TO LEAVE THE HAREM, BUT
BUT YOU, WHO ARE DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS, DON'T HAVE TO CONVEY THOSE WORDS

SUCH SUFFERING
THE MOST RESPECTED KING SULEIMAN
HE TOO DOES NOT HATE THE INTIMACY, BUT


HIS MAJESTY'S HANDS REVEAL SUCH AS IF THERE IS ENDLESS SUFFERING...!
YOUR REACTION SEEMS TO HAVE CHANGED
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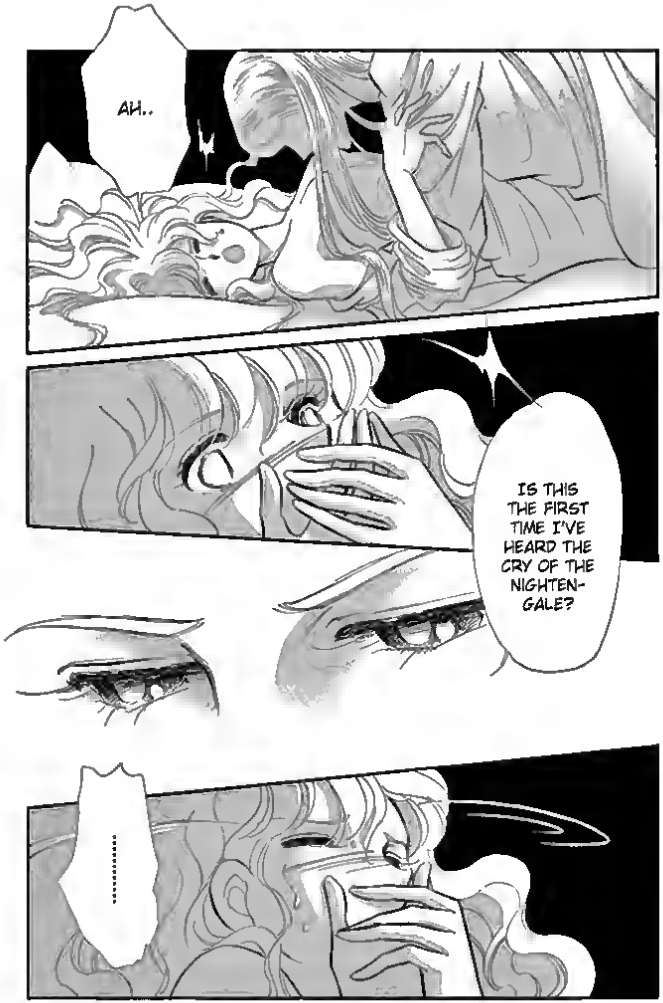
AH..
IS THIS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD THE CRY OF THE NIGHTEN-GALE?
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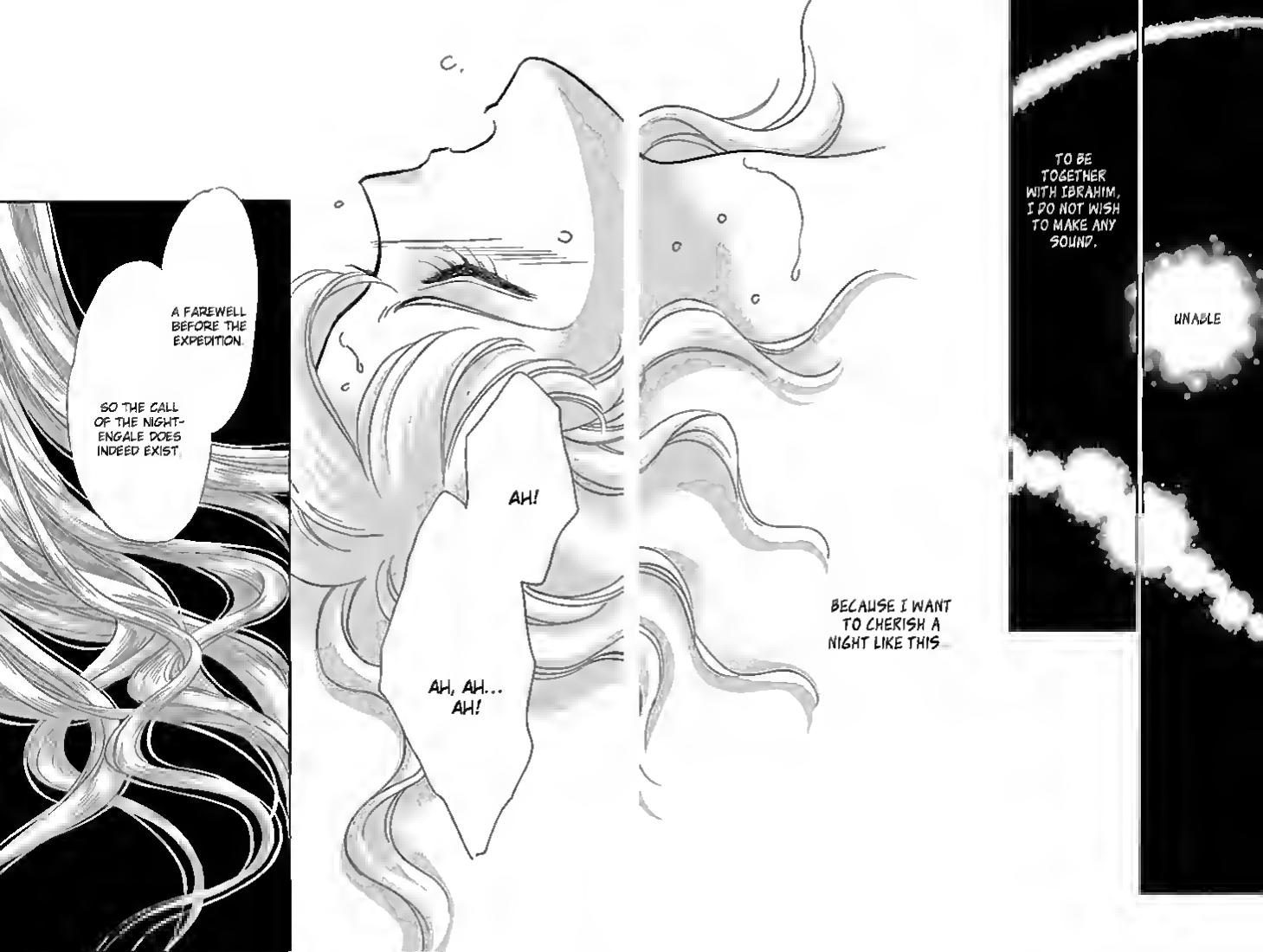
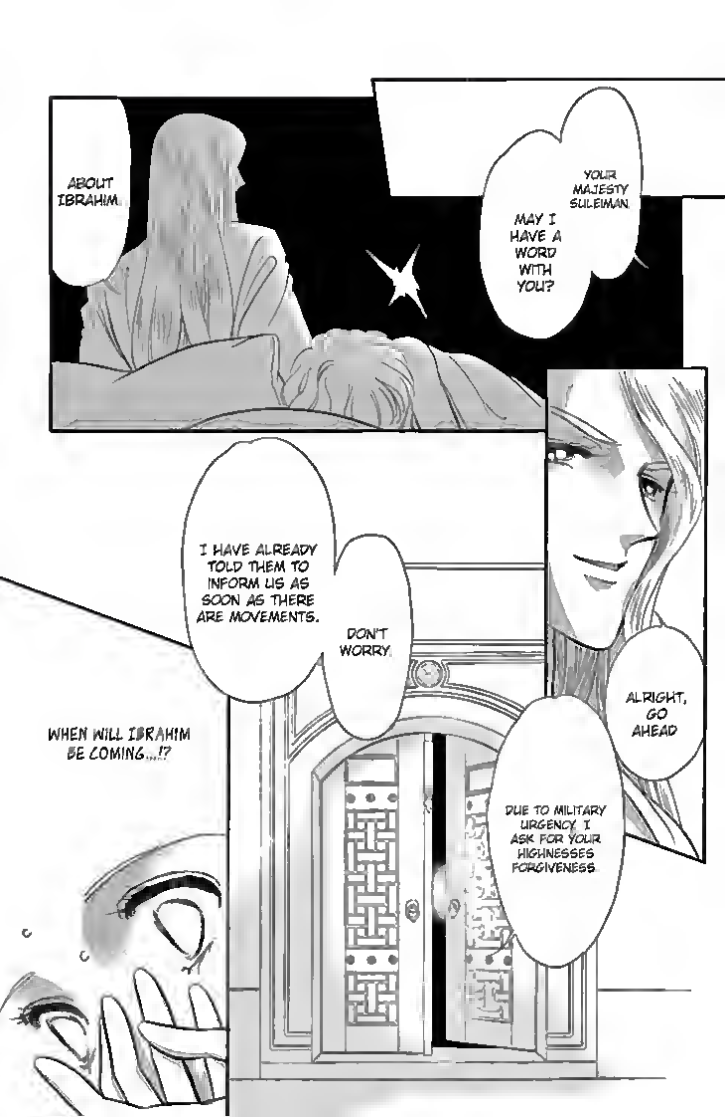
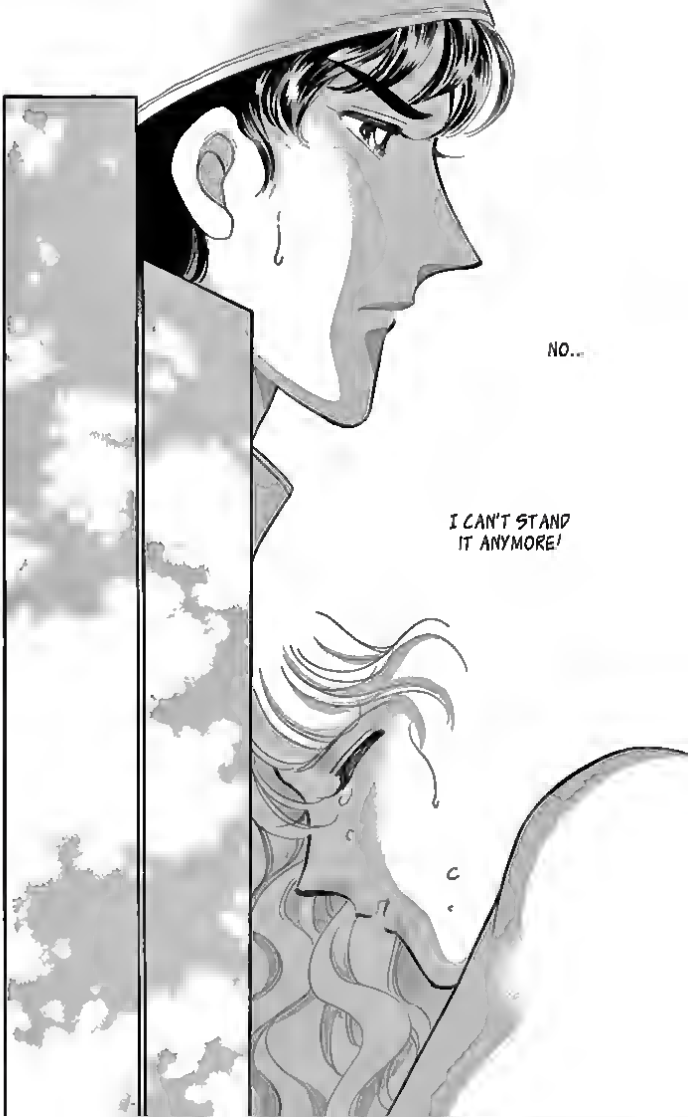

A FAREWELL BEFORE THE EXPEDITION.
SO THE CALL OF THE NIGHT-ENGALE DOES INDEED EXIST.
AH!
AH, AH... AH!
BECAUSE I WANT TO CHERISH A NIGHT LIKE THIS
TO BE TOGETHER WITH IBRAHIM, I DO NOT WISH TO MAKE ANY SOUND.
UNABLE


ABOUT IBRAHIM.
YOUR MAJESTY SULEIMAN.
MAY I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU?
I HAVE ALREADY TOLD THEM TO INFORM US AS SOON AS THERE ARE MOVEMENTS.
DON'T WORRY.
ALRIGHT, GO AHEAD
DUE TO MILITARY URGENCY I ASK FOR YOUR HIGHNESSES FORGIVENESS
WHEN WILL IBRAHIM BE COMING...!?

THE KNIGHTS HAVE IGNORED THE BOOK ISSUED BY YOUR HIGHNESS ON SURRENDERING
SOME INFORMERS REPORTED THAT THEY ARE SETTING UP DEFENSES IN RHODES ISLAND.
IF NOT,
THE EXPEDITION WILL BE MEANINGLESS.
...NEXT,

YES SIR.
WE ARE ADJUSTING IT TO BE IN THE FORM OF BATTLE.
THUS, THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PIRATES OF RHODES ISLAND WILL NOT HOLD ANY ANGER
AND COMMAND THE FLEET OF GALLIPOLI AND GALATA FOR DEPARTURE
DEPORT THE FIRST BATCH OF WARSHIPS


NO..
I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE!

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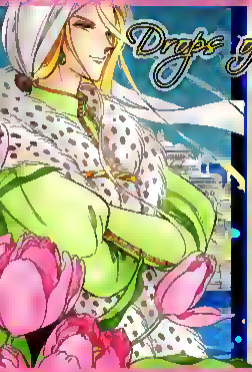

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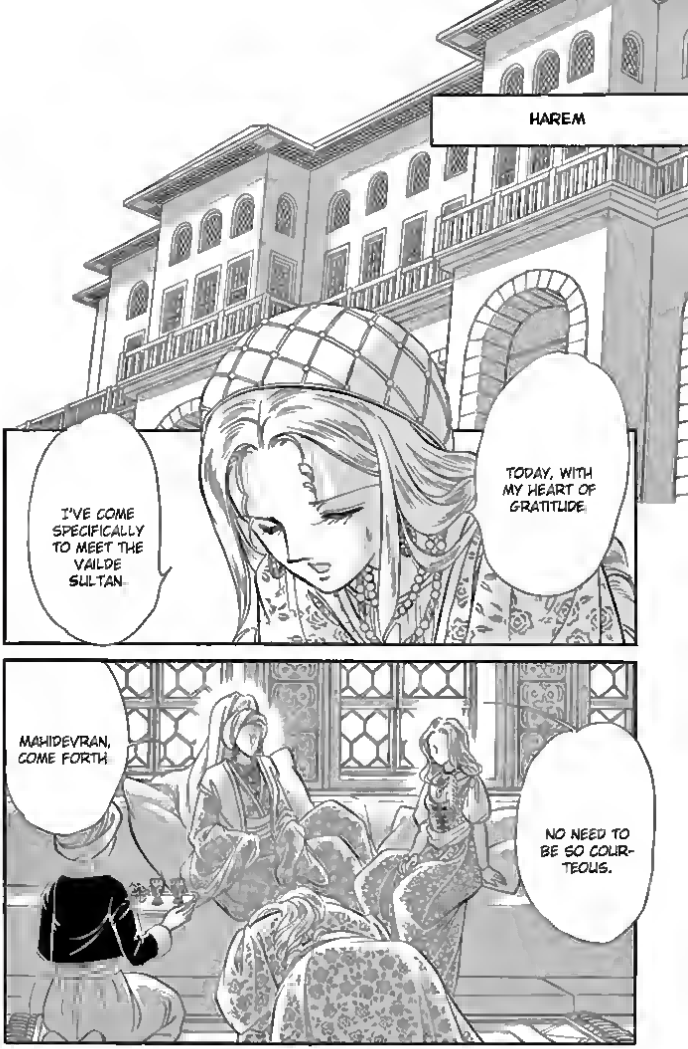
LEAD THE WARSHIPS AND SET FORTH IMMEDIATELY
MUSTAFA, HIS MAJESTY HAS APPOINTED YOU AS THE SUPREME COMMANDER FOR THIS EXPEDITION
GRAND VIZIER PIRI MEHMED
THE 2ND VIZIER MUSTAFA
I WILL DEFINITELY FOLLOW THE MISSION WITH NO DISGRACE.
WE WILL BE WAITING FOR HIS MAJESTY'S ARRIVAL IN MEL MARYS
UNDERSTOOD!
ALRIGHT, GET GOING

JUNE 5TH, 1522 ABOUT 500 OTTOMAN WAR-SHIPS WERE SENT OUT TO RHODES ISLAND.
THE HEAD COMMANDER
THE 2ND VIZIER CSOBANKA MUSTAFA

THE 2ND FLEET CHIEF IN COMMAND MUFLIS ADIN
FLEET CHIEF IN COMMAND BRAQUE MUSTAFA


HAREM
TODAY, WITH MY HEART OF GRATITUDE
I'VE COME SPECIFICALLY TO MEET THE VALIDE SULTAN.
MAHIDEVRAN, COME FORTH.
NO NEED TO BE SO COURTEOUS.

...IT'S AN UNSPEAKABLE REQUEST
WHAT IS GOING ON WITH YOU?
PLEASE RECOMMEND ME INTO THE KING'S PALACE!
EVEN IF IT'S JUST ONE NIGHT BEFORE HIS MAJESTY GOES TO THE EXPEDITION, IT'S GOOD ENOUGH!
HIS MAJESTY WILL TAKE NOTICE TO VAILDE SULTAN'S WORDS

OF COURSE I WILL HONOR YOU MORE THAN EVER!
THIS IS ONLY A PART OF IT, I WILL LET THE EUNUCH SEND MORE LATER
SUCH LUXURY SHE CAN SEND, INDEED WORTHY TO BE CALLED THE BAS KADIN.
I HAVE NEVER ONCE BEEN INVOLVED
BUT YOU HAVE TO KNOW THAT THE KING HIMSELF WILL CHOOSE HIS OWN CONCUBINE.
YOUR HIGHNESS, VALDE SULTAN
VALDE SULTAN OF ALL AGES CAN SERVE AND DECIDE ON HER PRINCE'S CONCUBINE.
SO, I BEG YOU. .

I DON'T KNOW WHAT OTHER VAILDE SULTAN ARE LIKE,
BUT SO FAR I'VE NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN EMPEROR SULEIMAN'S HAREM.
YOU ALWAYS RELY ON EXPANDING YOUR FORCE TO ACHIEVE YOUR OWN DESIRE FROM THE START, THUS MANY PEOPLE WILL FOLLOW YOU.
CRYING AND PLEADING NOW, ISN'T IT TOO LATE? SUPPOSE YOU LET ME KNOW WHY MUST YOU CONTINUE ON?
I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU GOT THE TITLE OF BAS KADIN SO SUDDENLY

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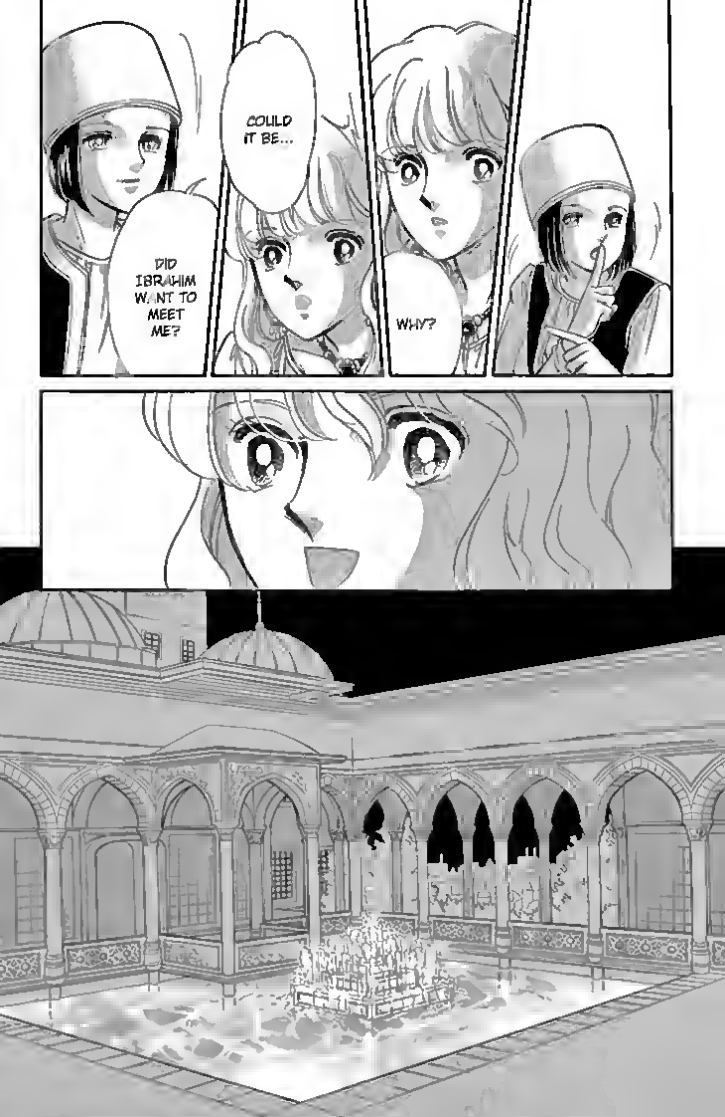
EH...
WHO'S THERE...?
SHAFIK?
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU AT SUCH A LATE TIME...?

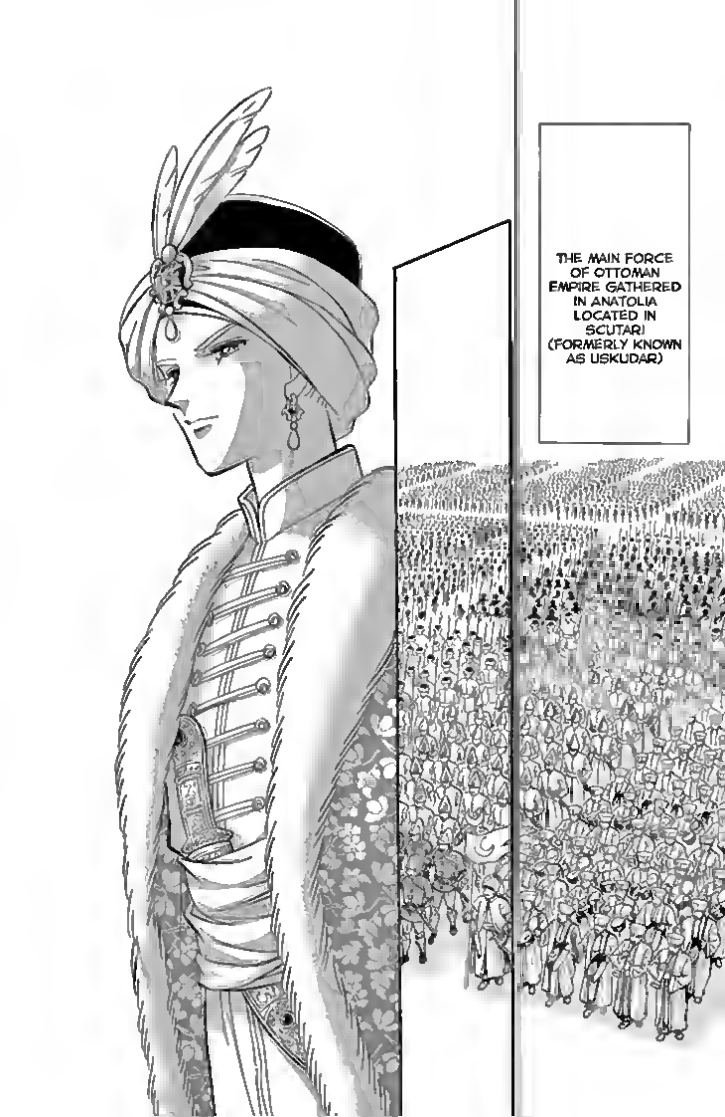

DID IBRAHIM WANT TO MEET ME?
COULD IT BE...
WHY?

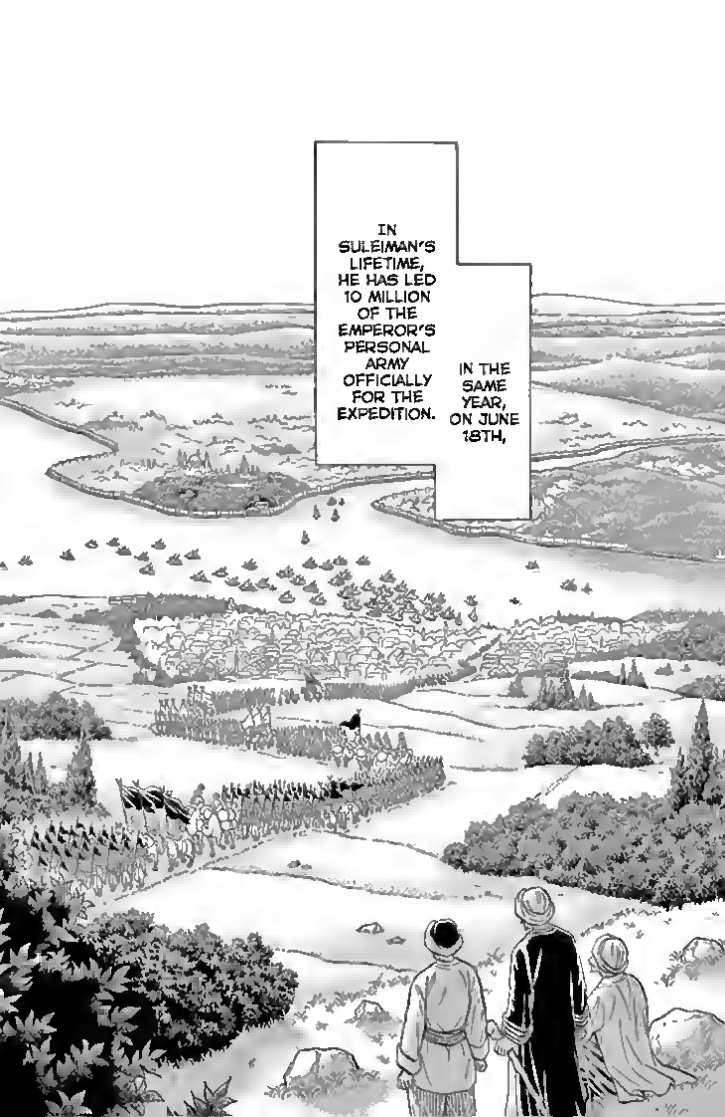
Friendship Scans
IBRAHIM.
I'M SORRY
TO CALL YOU OUT SO LATE AT NIGHT.
BECAUSE IT IS YOU IBRAHIM IT IS ALRIGHT
IT IS ALRIGHT BECAUSE HIS MAJESTY IS NOT IN THE HAREM?!
IBRAHIM.?

I WANT YOU TO WAIT FOR ME.
HURREM,
HIS HIGHNESS SULEIMAN WILL DEPART TO RHODES ISLAND FOR AN EXPEDITION SOON,
AND I WILL BE ACCOMPANYING HIM.

I WILL ESTABLISH MY MERITS IN THIS EXPEDITION,
AND I WILL REQUEST FOR YOU FROM HIS MAJESTY AFTER.
SO, I WANT YOU TO WAIT FOR MY RETURN!

Friendship Scars
HURREM?
I'LL WAIT FOR YOU!
I WILL CONTINUE TO WAIT,
UNTIL YOU RETURN SAFELY!


THE MAIN FORCE OF OTTOMAN EMPIRE GATHERED IN ANATOLIA LOCATED IN SCUTARI (FORMERLY KNOWN AS USKUDAR)


IN SULEIMAN'S LIFETIME, HE HAS LED 10 MILLION OF THE EMPEROR'S PERSONAL ARMY OFFICIALLY FOR THE EXPEDITION.
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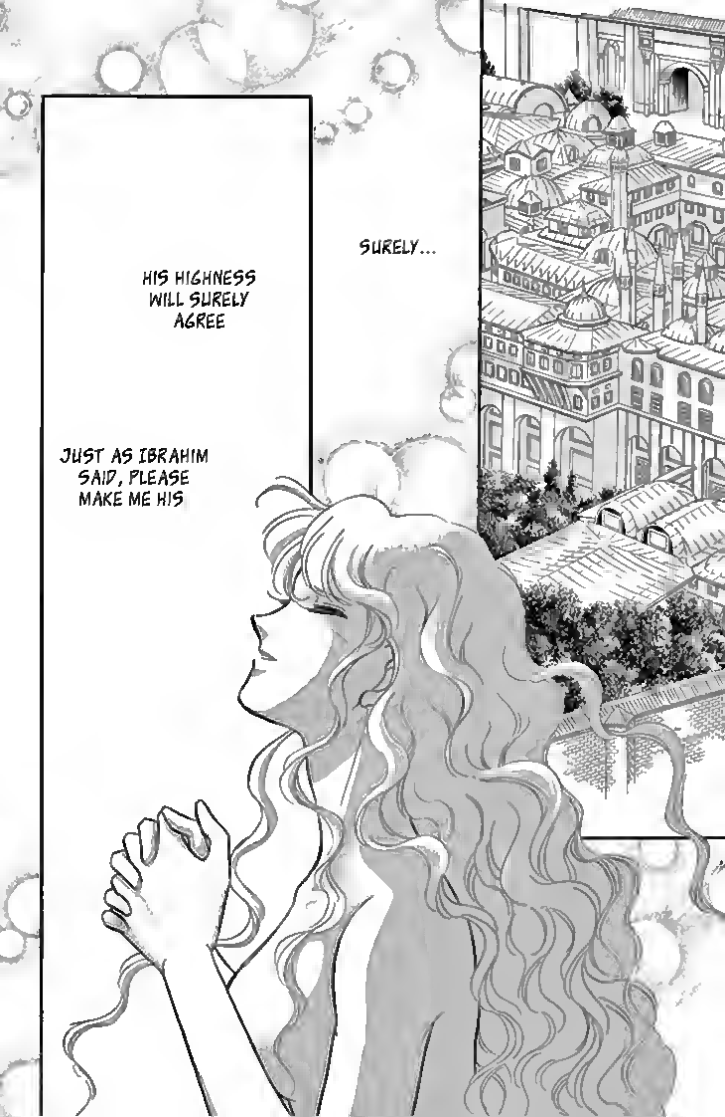
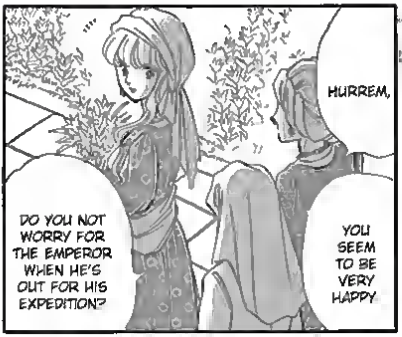
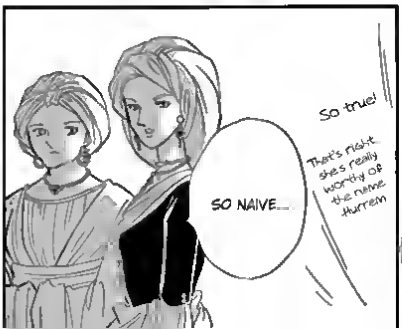

SURELY...
HIS HIGHNESS WILL SURELY AGREE
JUST AS IBRAHIM SAID, PLEASE MAKE ME HIS

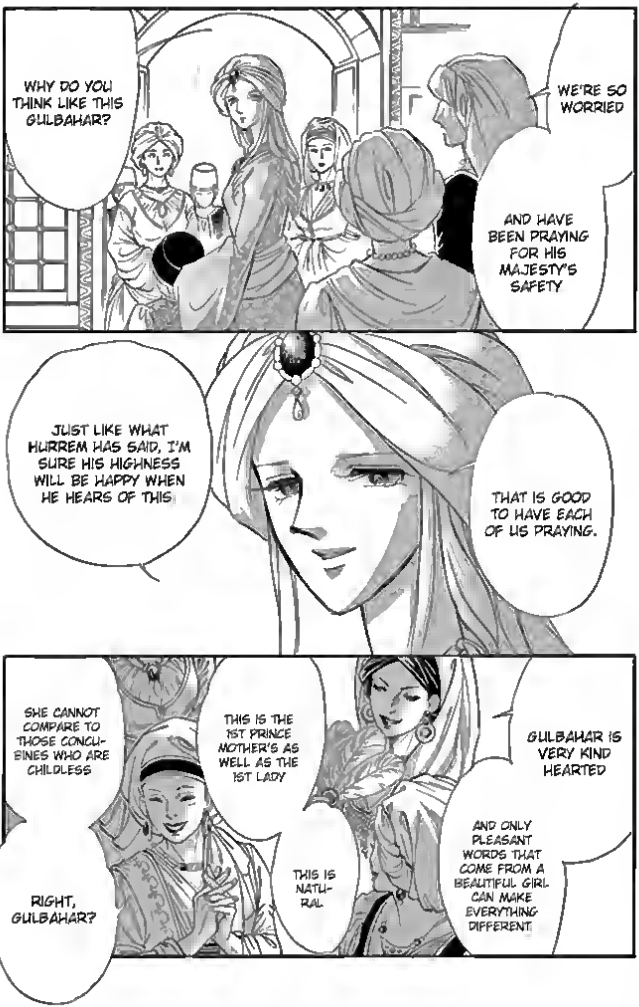


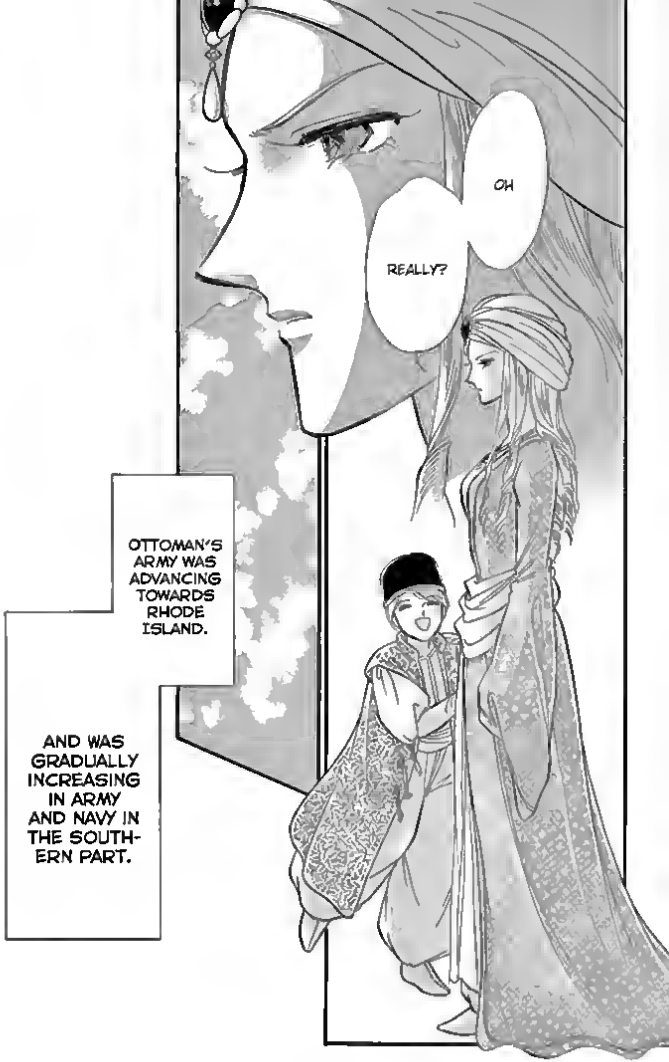
HIS HIGHNESS' TRUSTED IBRAHIM

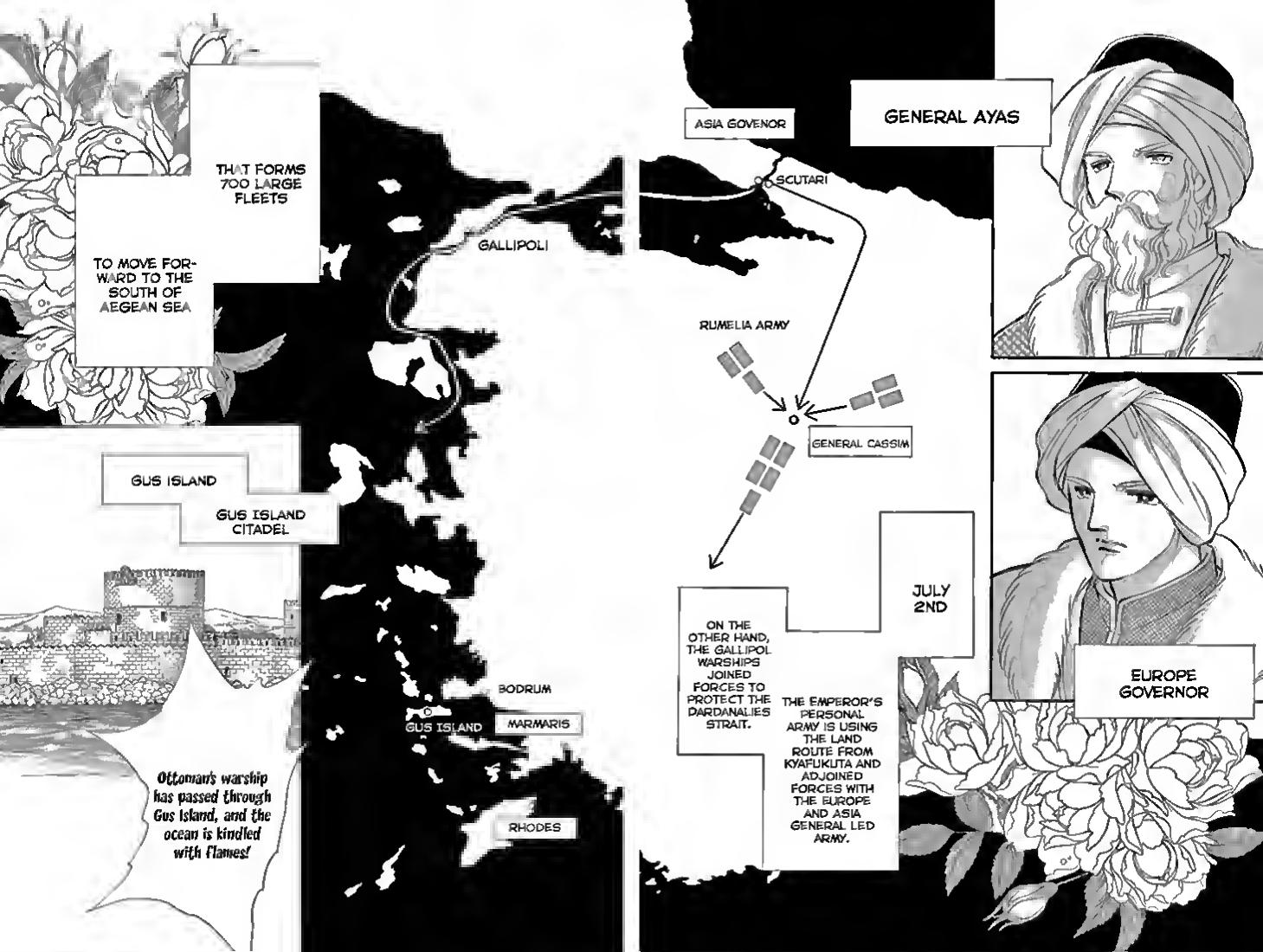
HIS HIGHNESS WILL SURELY RETURN HOME SAFELY AND TRIUMPHANTLY.
HE HAS SO MANY TRUSTING MINISTERS MAKING CONCERTED EFFORTS.

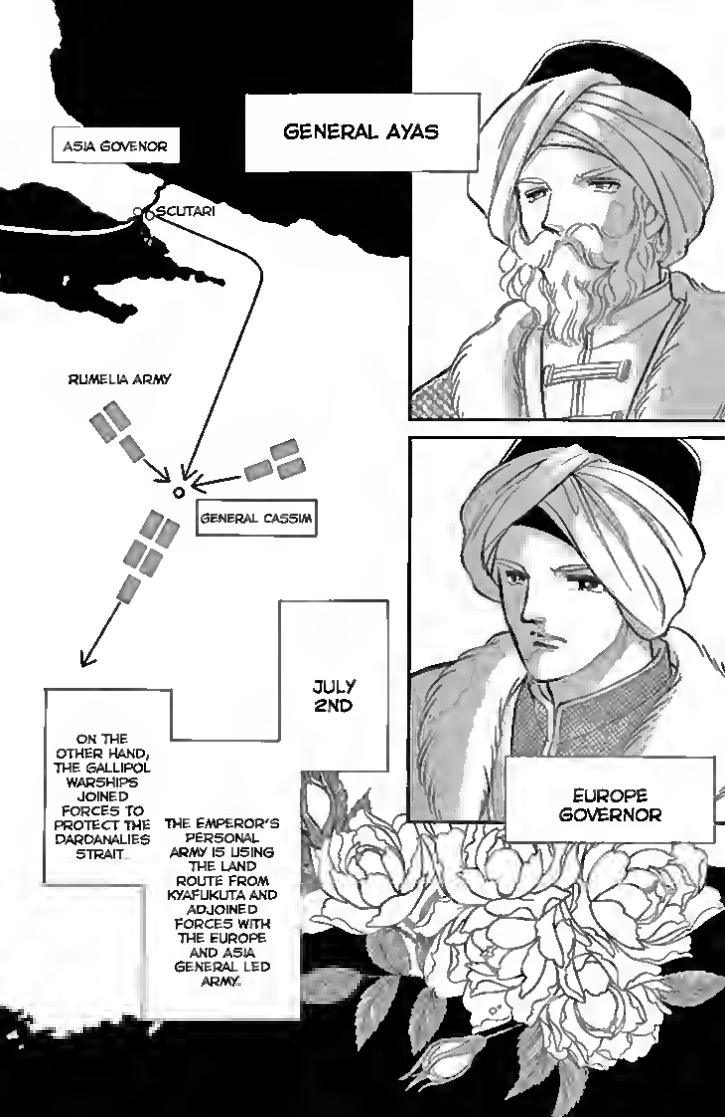
HIS HIGHNESS WILL SURELY PERMIT IT!




WHY DO YOU THINK LIKE THIS GULBAHAR?
WE'RE SO WORRIED
AND HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR HIS MAJESTY'S SAFETY
JUST LIKE WHAT HURREM HAS SAID, I'M SURE HIS HIGHNESS WILL BE HAPPY WHEN HE HEARS OF THIS
THAT IS GOOD TO HAVE EACH OF US PRAYING.
SHE CANNOT COMPARE TO THOSE CONCUBINES WHO ARE CHILDLESS
THIS IS THE 1ST PRINCE MOTHER'S AS WELL AS THE 1ST LADY
GULBAHAR IS VERY KIND HEARTED
AND ONLY PLEASANT WORDS THAT COME FROM A BEAUTIFUL GIRL CAN MAKE EVERYTHING DIFFERENT
THIS IS NATURAL
RIGHT, GULBAHAR?


OH
REALLY?
OTTOMAN'S ARMY WAS ADVANCING TOWARDS RHODE ISLAND.
AND WAS GRADUALLY INCREASING IN ARMY AND NAVY IN THE SOUTHERN PART.


THAT FORMS 700 LARGE FLEETS
TO MOVE FORWARD TO THE SOUTH OF AEGEAN SEA
GALLIPOLI
GUS ISLAND
GUS ISLAND CITADEL
BODRUM
GUS ISLAND
MARMARIS
RHODES
Ottoman's warship has passed through Gus Island, and the ocean is kindled with flames!
ASIA GOVENOR
SCUTARI
RUMELIA ARMY
GENERAL CASSIM
ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GALLIPOL WARSHIPS JOINED FORCES TO PROTECT THE DARDANALIES STRAIT.
JULY 2ND
THE EMPEROR'S PERSONAL ARMY IS USING THE LAND ROUTE FROM KYAFUKUTA AND ADJOINED FORCES WITH THE EUROPE AND ASIA GENERAL LED ARMY.
GENERAL AYAS
EUROPE GOVERNOR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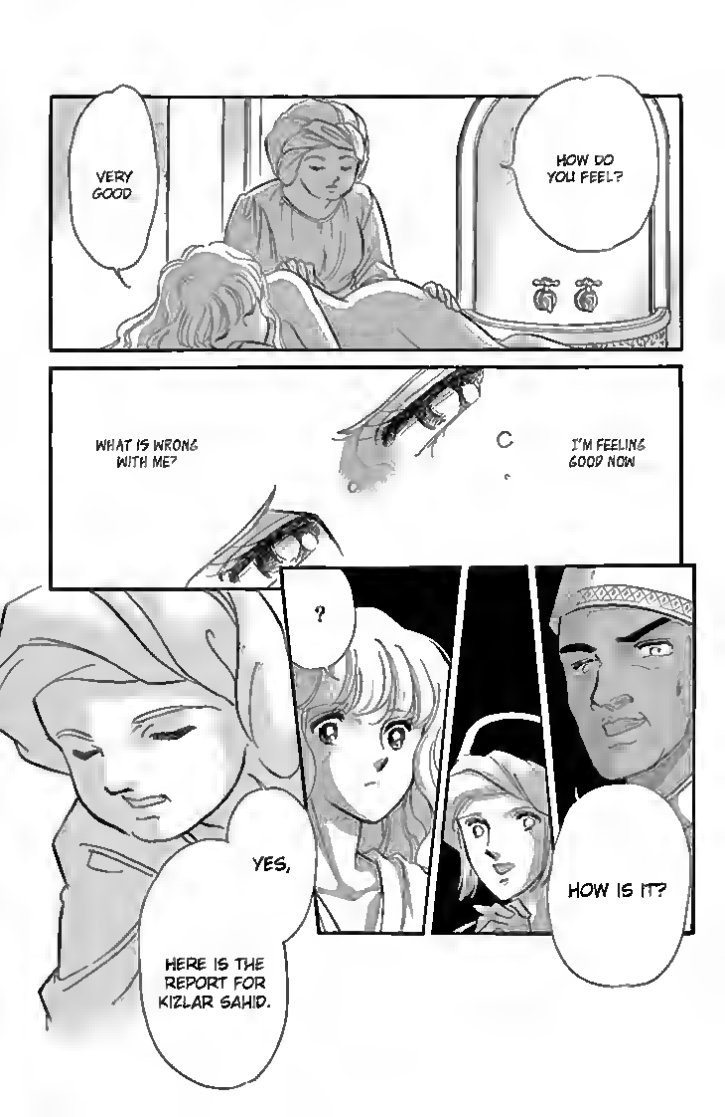
EUROPE GOVERNOR

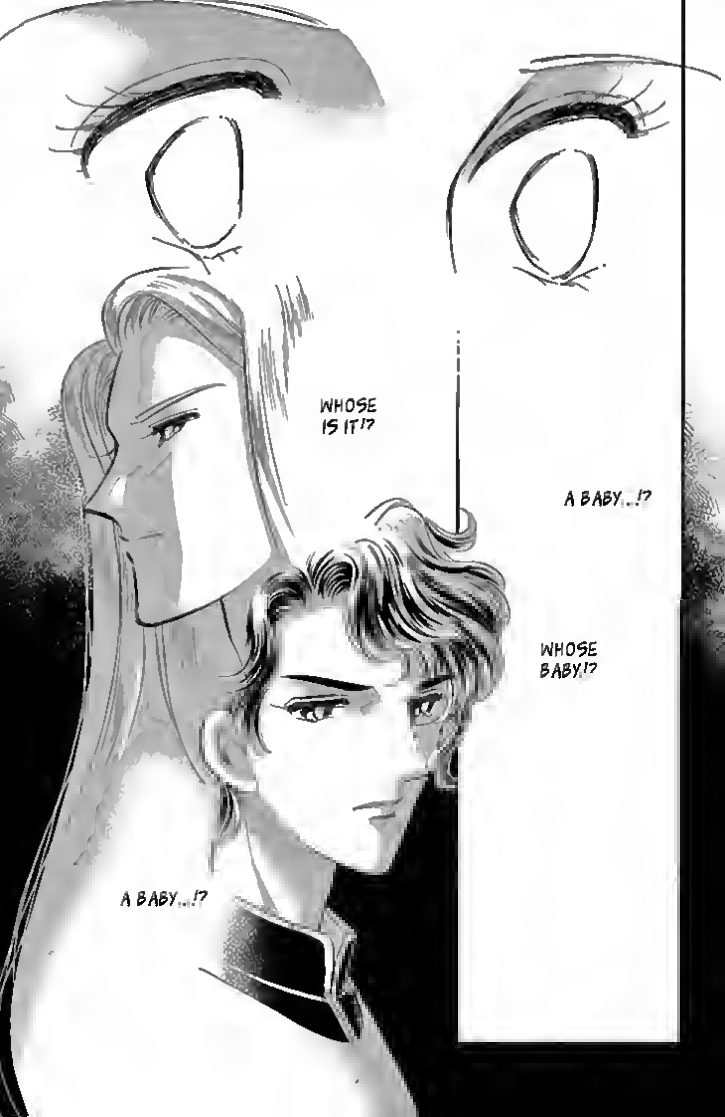
ST. JOHN'S CAVALRY GENERAL
IF SUCH...
THEN THE KNIGHTS FROM GUS ISLAND AND PARTS OF THE BODRUM'S KNIGHTS ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED BACK
GENERAL!?
IF THAT IS THE CASE, THE CITADEL DEFENSE WILL BE...
OTTOMAN WISHES TO HAVE RHODES ISLAND.
SO IT IS INEVITABLE FOR THEM TO SIEGE RHODES CITADEL AND LAUNCH AN ATTACK AGAINST IT
WE NEED TO GATHER THE FORCES FOR DEFENSES IN EMERGENCY, QUICKLY SEND THE MESSAGE!
YES!

LADY HURREM.
I HAVE PREPARED YOUR FAVORITE FOODS,
BUT YOU DON'T SEEM HUNGRY?
Friendship Scans
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME?
AH, YES.
IT SEEMS YOU DON'T HAVE A FEVER, HOW DO YOU FEEL?
I FEEL NO DIFFERENT, BUT YET I DON'T FEEL LIKE EATING.

LADY HURREM,
I'VE HEARD THAT YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL?
THEN JUST LET THE FEMALE DOCTOR OF THE HAREM TAKE A LOOK AT IT.
AH?
LADY DOCTOR OF THE HAREM? I THOUGHT IT WAS THE KIZLAR'S DUTY?
THE FEMALE DOCTOR OF THE HAREM IS ALSO THE LADY SUPERVISOR WHO IS SPECIALIZED IN CHECKING THE HEALTH OF ALL CONCUBINES.
SAHAR...
MALE DOCTORS ARE NOT ALLOWED INTO THE HAREM.
RELAX AND HAVE A CHECKUP, IT'S JUST LIKE GOING FOR A MASSAGE


VERY GOOD
HOW DO YOU FEEL?
WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME?
I'M FEELING GOOD NOW
?
HOW IS IT?
YES,
HERE IS THE REPORT FOR KIZLAR SAHID.

LADY HURREM IS PREGNANT!
Really!?
Congratulations!
Report the good news to His Highness immediately!
CONGRATULATIONS LADY HURREM!
HOW WONDERFUL!
SUCH GOOD NEWS!


WHOSE IS IT!?
A BABY...!?
WHOSE BABY!?
A BABY...!?

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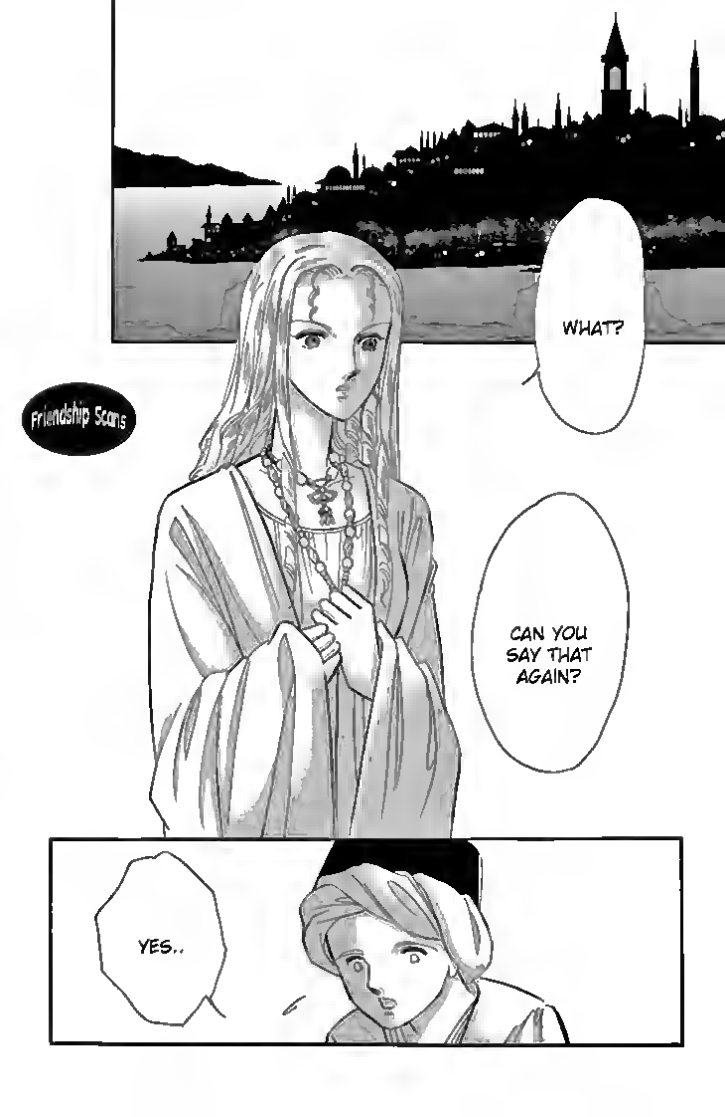
An emergency ship has sent a message from the empire...!
Your highness!
THE 4TH VIZIER AHMET

Lady Hurrem is pregnant!
Congratulations Your Highness!
REALLY?
CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR HIGHNESS!
CONGRATULATIONS!
GOOD NEWS COMING BEFORE A WAR IS A GOOD OMEN!
CONGRATULATIONS!

HURREM IS PREGNANT!?
COULD IT BE... MINE!?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CAN YOU SAY THAT AGAIN?
YES..

LADY HURREM HAS BEEN CONFIRMED TO BE PREGNANT!

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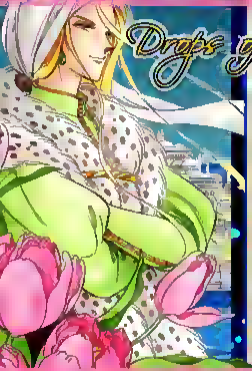

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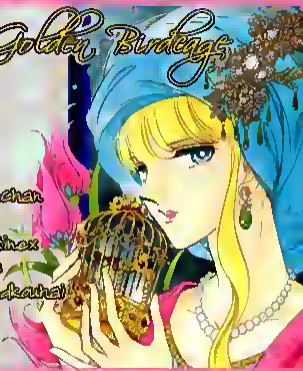

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~This Chapter
is read from
RIGHT to
LEFT~

LADY HURREM,
WE WILL BE HOLDING A SALON TOMORROW AFTERNOON
AND WE HOPE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND!
PLEASE, YOU MUST COME TO VISIT!
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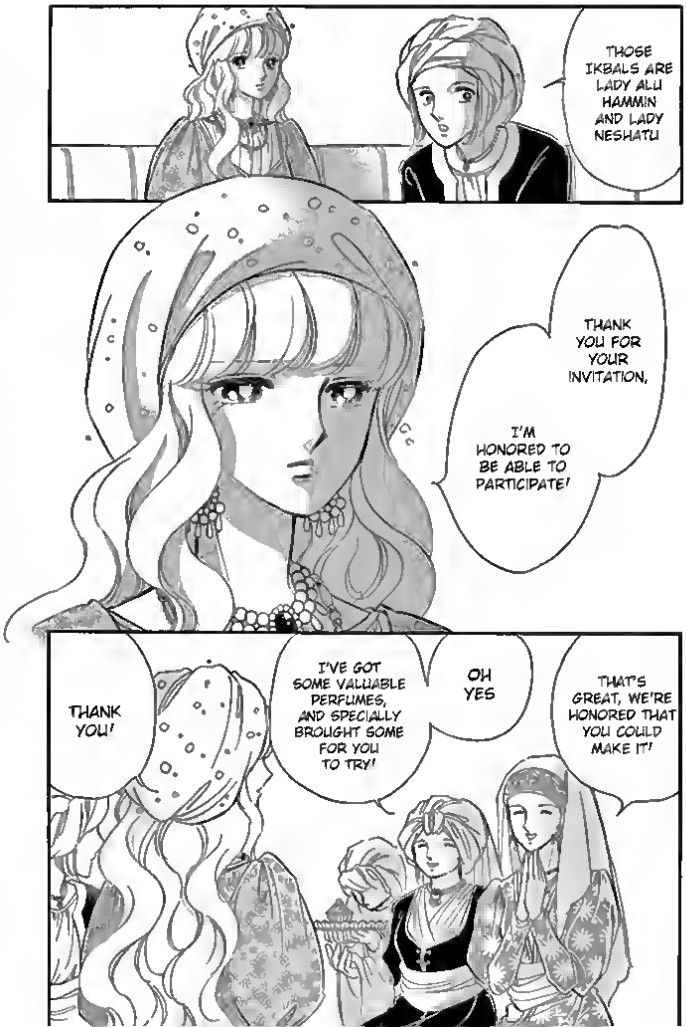
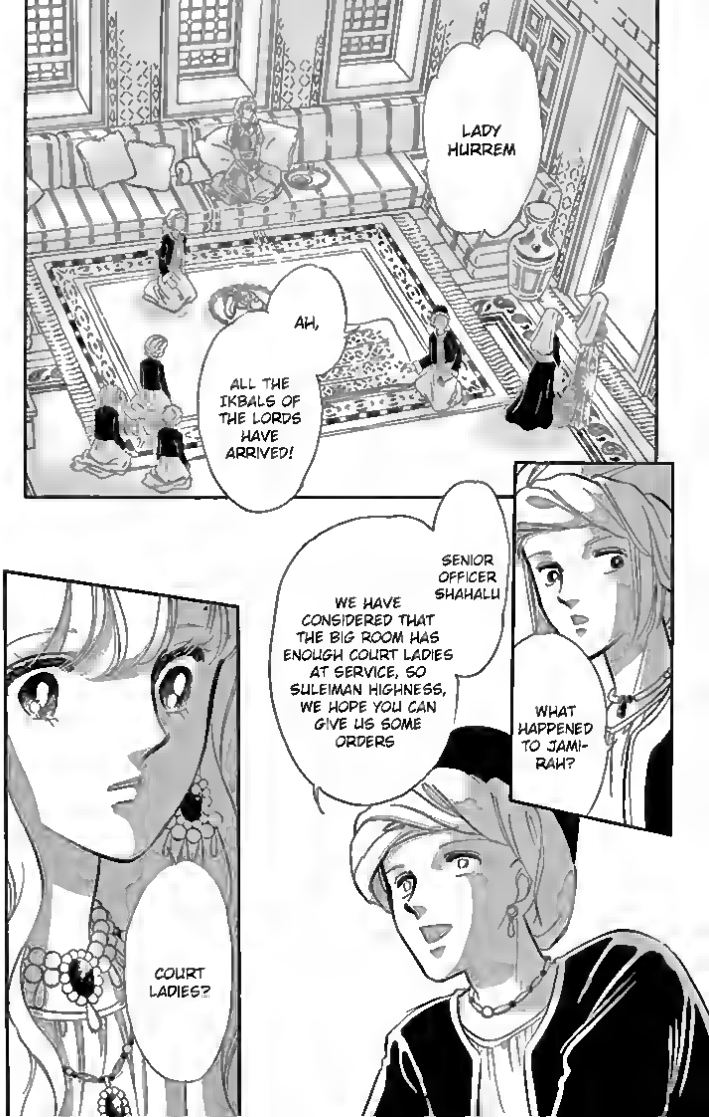

THOSE IKBALS ARE LADY ALU HAMMIN AND LADY NESHATU
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION.
I'M HONORED TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE!
THANK YOU!
I'VE GOT SOME VALUABLE PERFUMES, AND SPECIALLY BROUGHT SOME FOR YOU TO TRY!
OH YES
THAT'S GREAT, WE'RE HONORED THAT YOU COULD MAKE IT!


LADY HURREM
AH, ALL THE IKBALS OF THE LORDS HAVE ARRIVED!
SENIOR OFFICER SHAHALU
WE HAVE CONSIDERED THAT THE BIG ROOM HAS ENOUGH COURT LADIES AT SERVICE, SO SULEIMAN HIGHNESS, WE HOPE YOU CAN GIVE US SOME ORDERS
WHAT HAPPENED TO JAMI-RAH?
COURT LADIES?

SAHAR..
LOOKING AT THE SITUATION
THE IKBALS AND COURT LADIES ARE STARTING TO FAWN ON LADY HURREM!
ON HEARING THE NEWS OF LADY HURREM'S PREGNANCY, EVERYONE HAS CONFIRMED HIS OR HER STAND!
ALTHOUGH IT IS TO BE DECIDED WHETHER IT'S LADY HURREM, WHO HAS YET TO BEAR A PRINCE TO RELY ON, BUT IS STILL BEING FAVORED BY HIS MAJESTY
OR LADY GULBAHAR, MOTHER OF THE FIRST PRINCE, PRINCE MUSTAFA

For the women in the harem, having children is the only way to obtain power
IT'S NATURAL FOR WOMEN IN THE HAREM TO RELY ON YOUR HIGHNESS
FURTHER-MORE, WITH HIS MAJESTY'S FLOURISHING FAVOR TOWARDS LADY HURREM
IF LADY HURREM WERE TO GIVE BIRTH TO LORD SULEIMAN'S CHILD,
SHE WOULD BE OF THE SAME STATUS AS LADY GULBAHAR!
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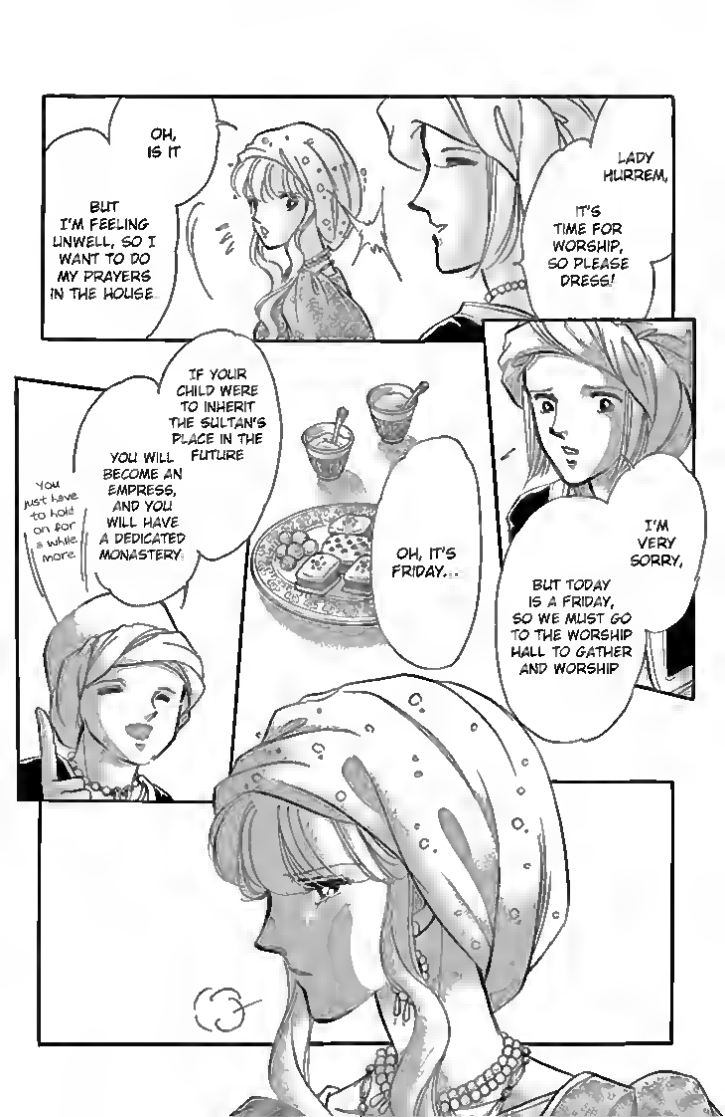
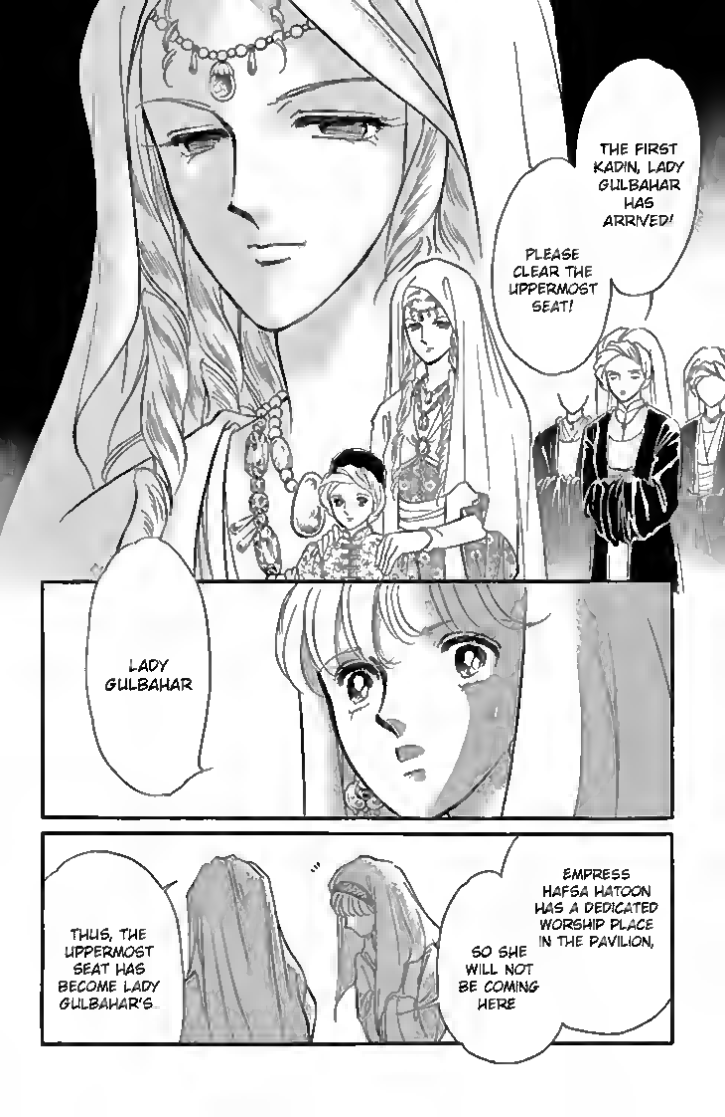
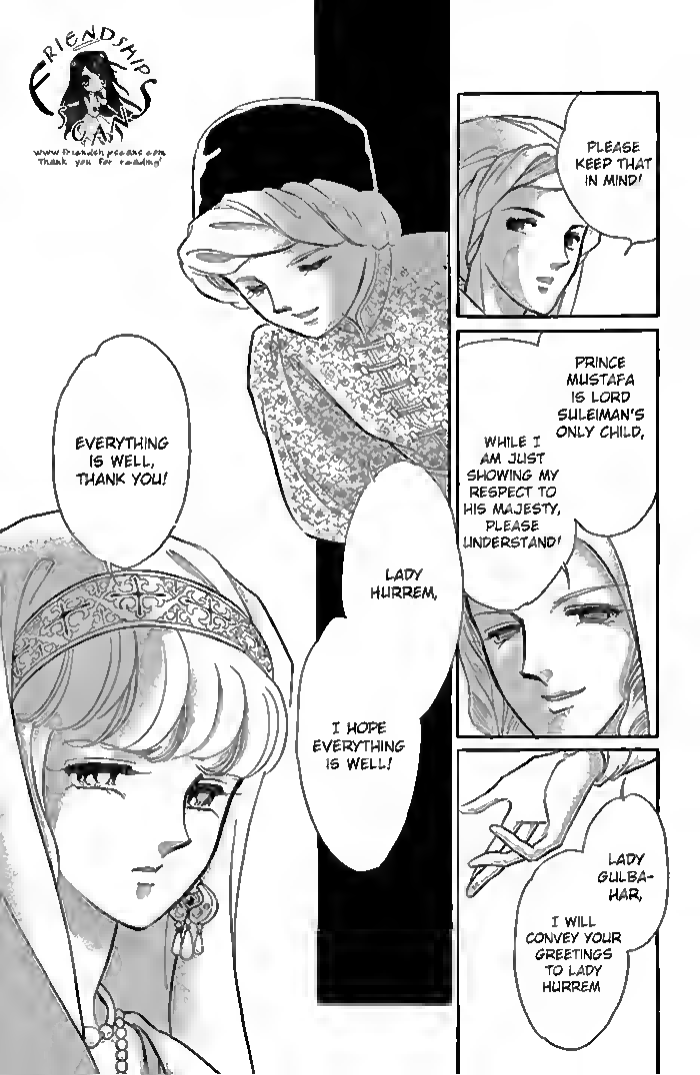
I know, having a baby is something to be joyous about
But instead, I'm feeling apprehensive
That's 'cause I can't be sure that this is Lord Suleiman's child!

I do not know whether this child belongs to Lord Suleiman or Lord Ibrahim
I don't know what to do!
Although it was only once, I don't regret the night I spent with Lord Ibrahim
That was one blissful night; which I will remember for a lifetime
However...


LADY HURREM,
IT'S TIME FOR WORSHIP, SO PLEASE DRESS!
OH, IS IT
BUT I'M FEELING UNWELL, SO I WANT TO DO MY PRAYERS IN THE HOUSE.
I'M VERY SORRY,
BUT TODAY IS A FRIDAY, SO WE MUST GO TO THE WORSHIP HALL TO GATHER AND WORSHIP
OH, IT'S FRIDAY...
IF YOUR CHILD WERE TO INHERIT THE SULTAN'S PLACE IN THE FUTURE
YOU WILL BECOME AN EMPRESS, AND YOU WILL HAVE A DEDICATED MONASTERY.
You just have to hold on for a while more.

LADY HURREM!
YOU'VE WORKED HARD.
HOLD IT!
PLEASE, THIS WAY
YOU MAY TAKE THE UPPER-MOST SEAT
THANK YOU


THE FIRST KADIN, LADY GULBAHAR HAS ARRIVED!
PLEASE CLEAR THE UPPERMOST SEAT!
LADY GULBAHAR
EMPRESS HAFSA HATOON HAS A DEDICATED WORSHIP PLACE IN THE PAVILION,
SO SHE WILL NOT BE COMING HERE
THUS, THE UPPERMOST SEAT HAS BECOME LADY GULBAHAR'S..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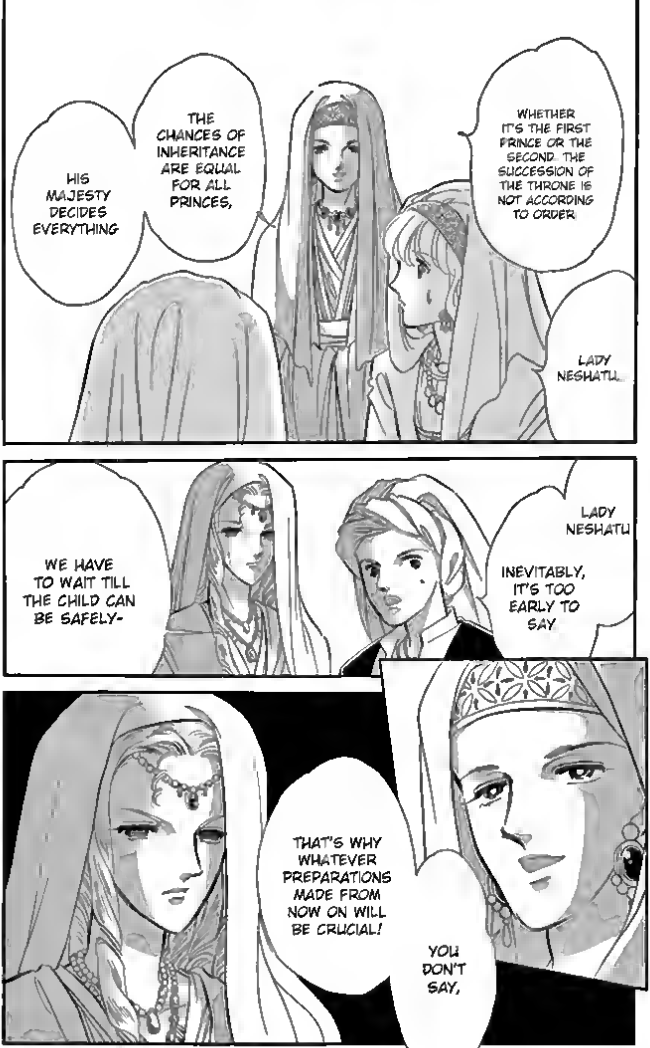
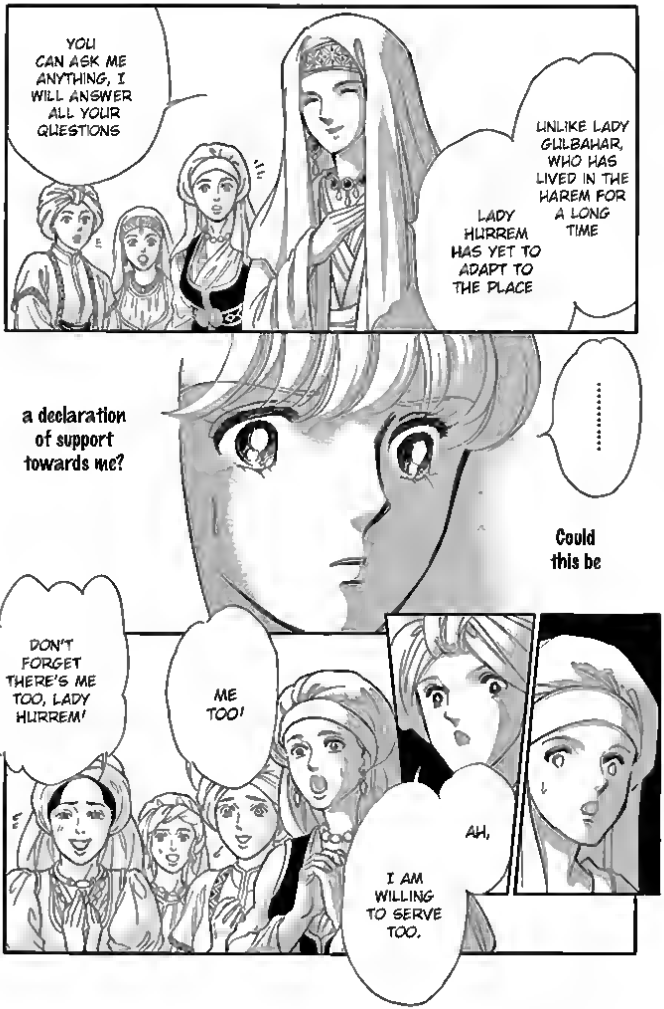
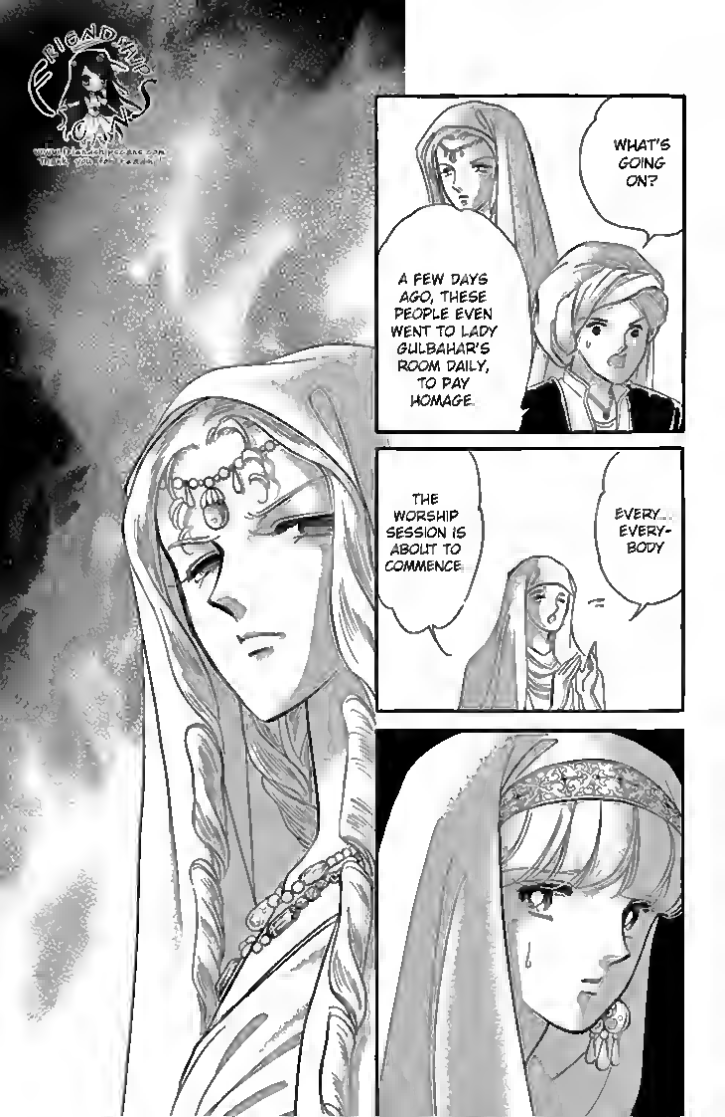
Thank you for reading!
PLEASE KEEP THAT IN MIND!
PRINCE MUSTAFA IS LORD SULEIMAN'S ONLY CHILD,
WHILE I AM JUST SHOWING MY RESPECT TO HIS MAJESTY, PLEASE UNDERSTAND!
LADY GULBAHAR,
I WILL CONVEY YOUR GREETINGS TO LADY HURREM
LADY HURREM,
I HOPE EVERYTHING IS WELL!
EVERYTHING IS WELL, THANK YOU!

LORD SULEIMAN'S ONLY CHILD
Although this woman... doesn't want to lose to Gulbahar
But it's still not the time to declare a counterattack position
LADY HURREM
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OPINIONS, RIGHT?

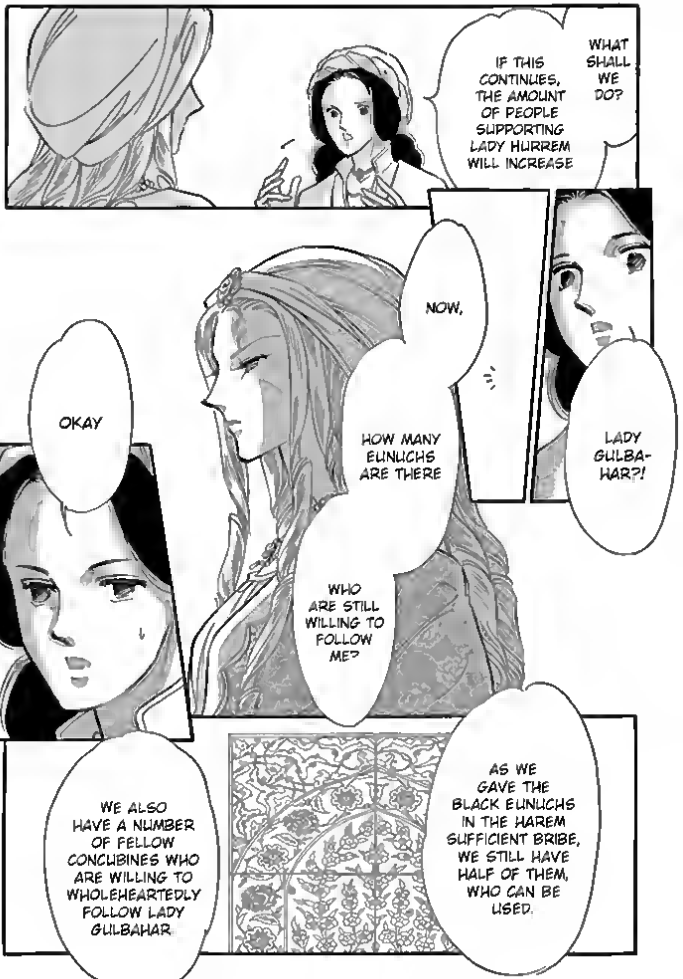

WHETHER IT'S THE FIRST PRINCE OR THE SECOND, THE SUCCESSION OF THE THRONE IS NOT ACCORDING TO ORDER
LADY NESHATU
THE CHANCES OF INHERITANCE ARE EQUAL FOR ALL PRINCES,
HIS MAJESTY DECIDES EVERYTHING
LADY NESHATU
INEVITABLY, IT'S TOO EARLY TO SAY
WE HAVE TO WAIT TILL THE CHILD CAN BE SAFELY-
YOU DON'T SAY,
THAT'S WHY WHATEVER PREPARATIONS MADE FROM NOW ON WILL BE CRUCIAL!

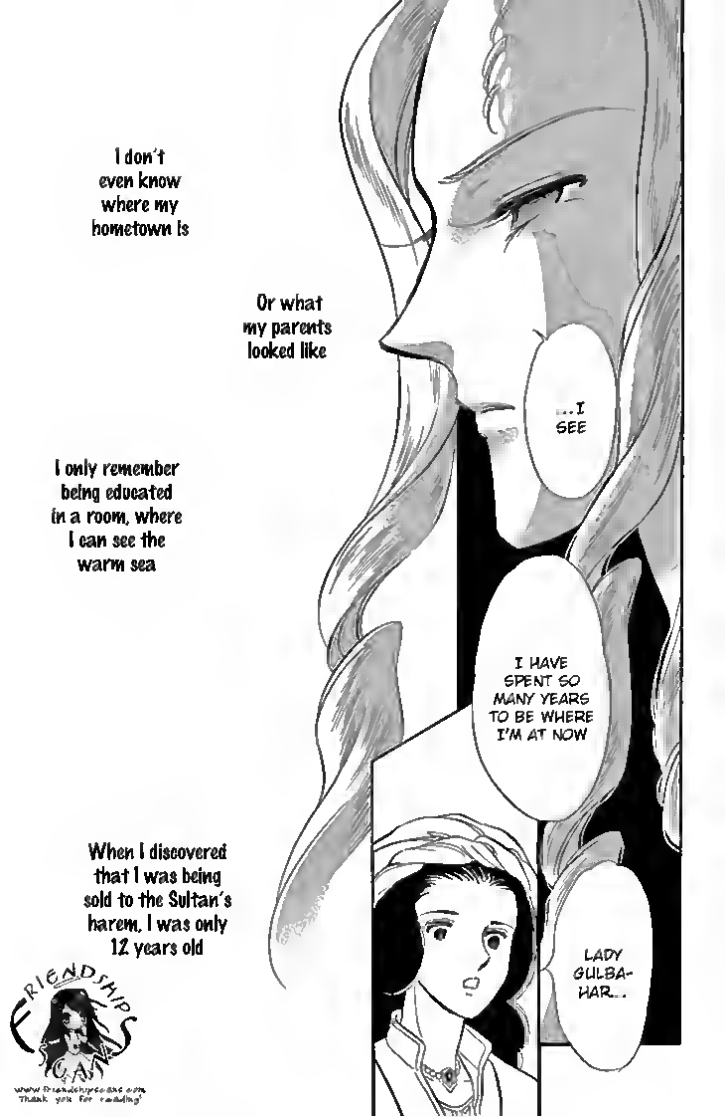

YOU CAN ASK ME ANYTHING, I WILL ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS
UNLIKE LADY GULBAHAR, WHO HAS LIVED IN THE HAREM FOR A LONG TIME
LADY HURREM HAS YET TO ADAPT TO THE PLACE
.....
Could this be
a declaration of support towards me?
DON'T FORGET THERE'S ME TOO, LADY HURREM!
ME TOO!
AH,
I AM WILLING TO SERVE TOO.


WHAT'S GOING ON?
A FEW DAYS AGO, THESE PEOPLE EVEN WENT TO LADY GULBAHAR'S ROOM DAILY, TO PAY HOMAGE.
EVERY... EVERY-BODY
THE WORSHIP SESSION IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE.

LADY NESHATU, WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU SUPPORTED LADY HURREM SO THAT YOUR POSITION COULD BE STABLE
BUT SHE HAS YET TO GIVE BIRTH TO A PRINCE...
BE IT A PRINCE OR A PRINCESS, WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE OR SHE CAN BE SAFELY BORN

LADY GULBAHAR
NESHATU,
SHE BECAME A CONCUBINE AROUND THE SAME TIME AS ME
I GAVE BIRTH TO A PRINCE.
THUS SHE WAS SLOWLY FORGOTTEN BY HIS MAJESTY.
WHILE SHE IS AN IKBAL, SHE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO GIVE BIRTH
NOW, SUPPORTING LADY HURREM TO RISE TO MY STATUS,
THIS IS SIMPLY BETTING ON A LOSS!


WHAT SHALL WE DO?
IF THIS CONTINUES, THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE SUPPORTING LADY HURREM WILL INCREASE
LADY GULBAHAR?!
NOW,
HOW MANY EUNUCHS ARE THERE WHO ARE STILL WILLING TO FOLLOW ME?
OKAY
AS WE GAVE THE BLACK EUNUCHS IN THE HAREM SUFFICIENT BRIBE, WE STILL HAVE HALF OF THEM, WHO CAN BE USED.
WE ALSO HAVE A NUMBER OF FELLOW CONCUBINES WHO ARE WILLING TO WHOLEHEARTEDLY FOLLOW LADY GULBAHAR


I don't even know where my hometown is
Or what my parents looked like
I only remember being educated in a room, where I can see the warm sea
When I discovered that I was being sold to the Sultan's harem, I was only 12 years old
...I SEE
I HAVE SPENT SO MANY YEARS TO BE WHERE I'M AT NOW
LADY GULBA-HAR...
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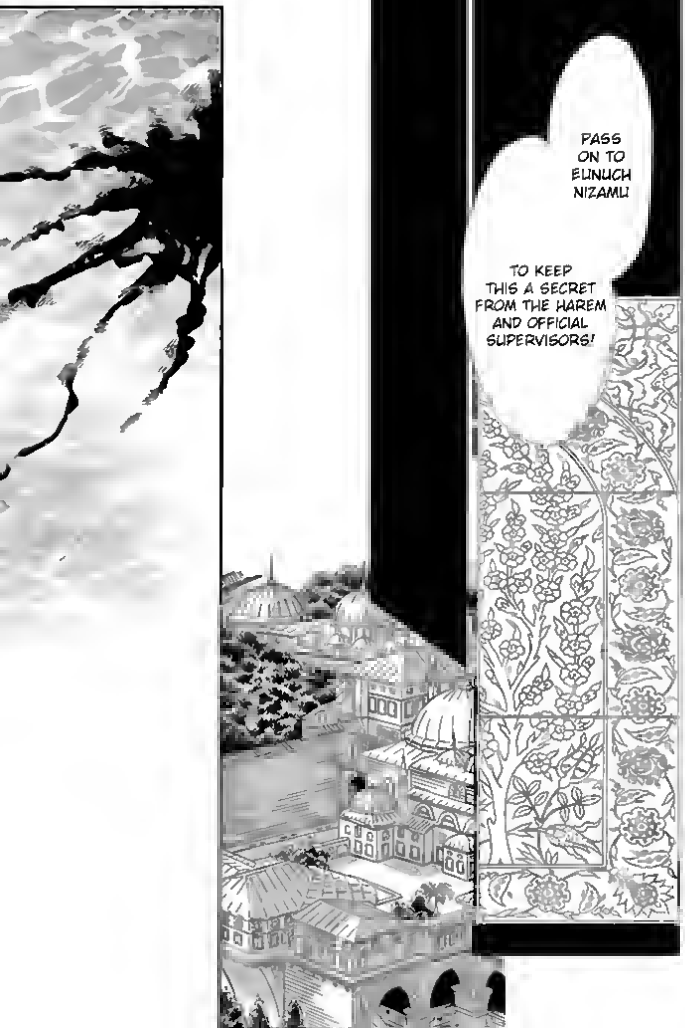
To survive, I gave birth to a child
To protect this child, I did my utmost to survive till today
FAFULA
YES?
TO MAKE ME GIVE UP MY POSITION NOW IS IMPOSSIBLE!


PASS ON TO EUNUCH NIZAMU
TO KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM THE HAREM AND OFFICIAL SUPERVISORS!

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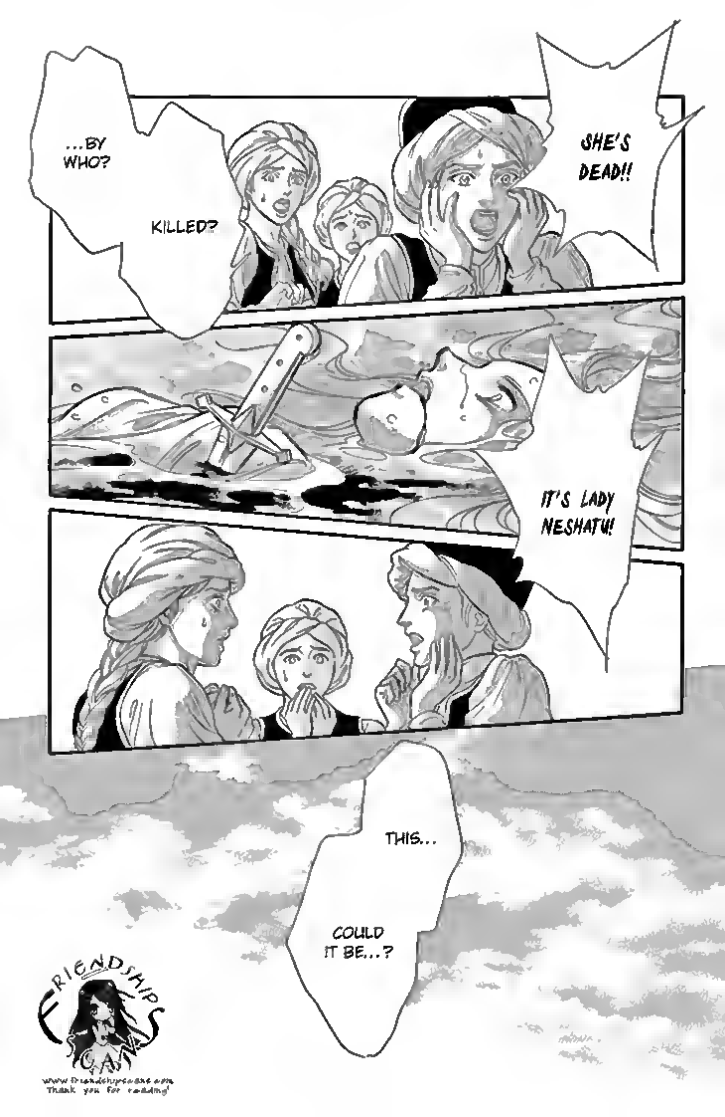
AA
AA
AAH!


...BY WHO?
KILLED?
SHE'S DEAD!!
IT'S LADY NESHATU!
THIS...
COULD IT BE...?
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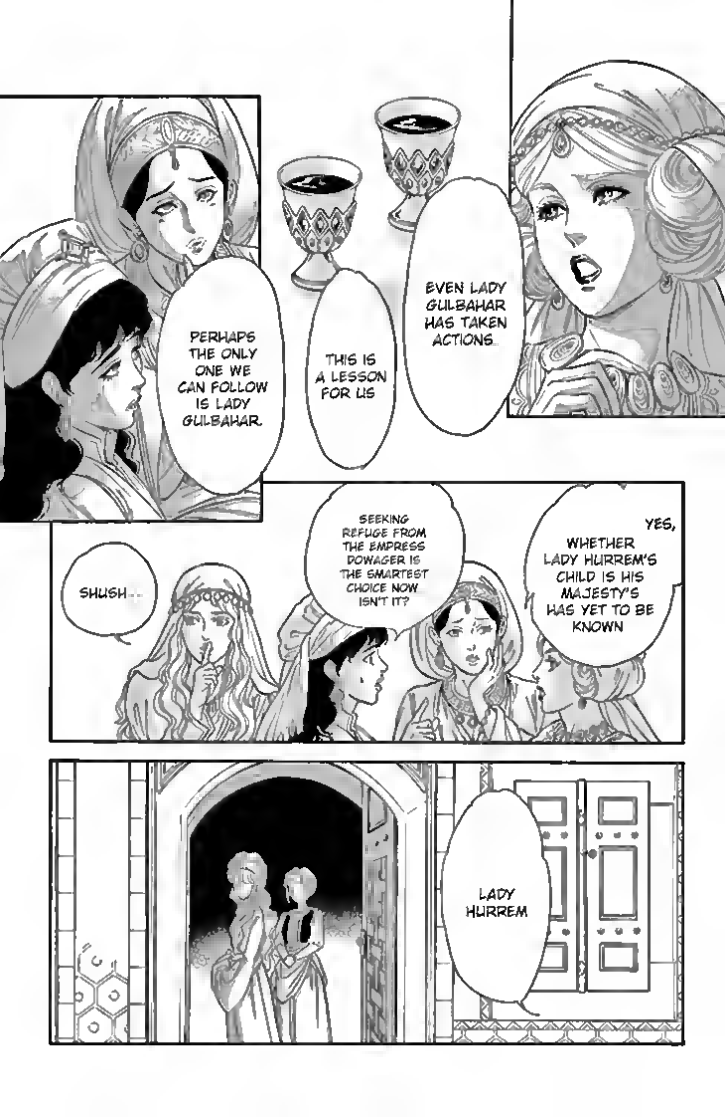
SO FAR, THERE WERE CONCUBINES WHO WERE ASSASSINATED. THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAS HAPPENED.
SO TERRIFYING!
IT SEEMS THAT LADY NESHATU'S REMAINS HAVE BEEN QUIETLY REMOVED BY THE EUNUCHS.


PERHAPS THE ONLY ONE WE CAN FOLLOW IS LADY GULBAHAR.
THIS IS A LESSON FOR US
EVEN LADY GULBAHAR HAS TAKEN ACTIONS.
SHUSH...
SEEKING REFUGE FROM THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IS THE SMARTEST CHOICE NOW, ISN'T IT?
YES, WHETHER LADY HURREM'S CHILD IS HIS MAJESTY'S HAS YET TO BE KNOWN
LADY HURREM

I wanted to discuss with it Lord Ibrahim, but I am not allowed to

To only consider the child? Yes, I have

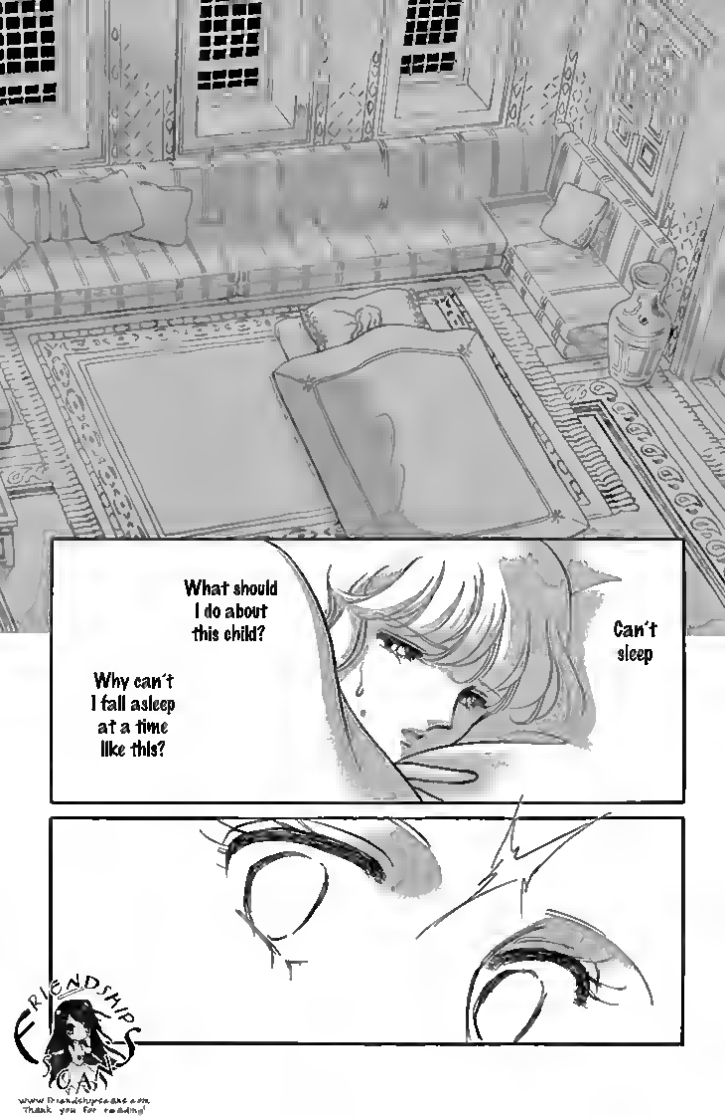
What am I supposed to do?

Can I give birth to this child?!

LADY HURREM

IT DOESN'T MATTER!

NOW, YOU JUST HAVE TO FOCUS ON SAFELY GIVING BIRTH TO THE CHILD



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!?
EUNUCHS...
WHY?

You should know why
GUARDS... HELP! QUICKLY INFORM THE EUNUCH'S GUARDHOUSE!
We have been ordered to kill you
Ah
Besides her, who else would want to get rid of me?

Lady Hurrem?!
Sahar...
Everyone wake up!
Wake up all the concubines in the harem!
Inform the Eunuchs too

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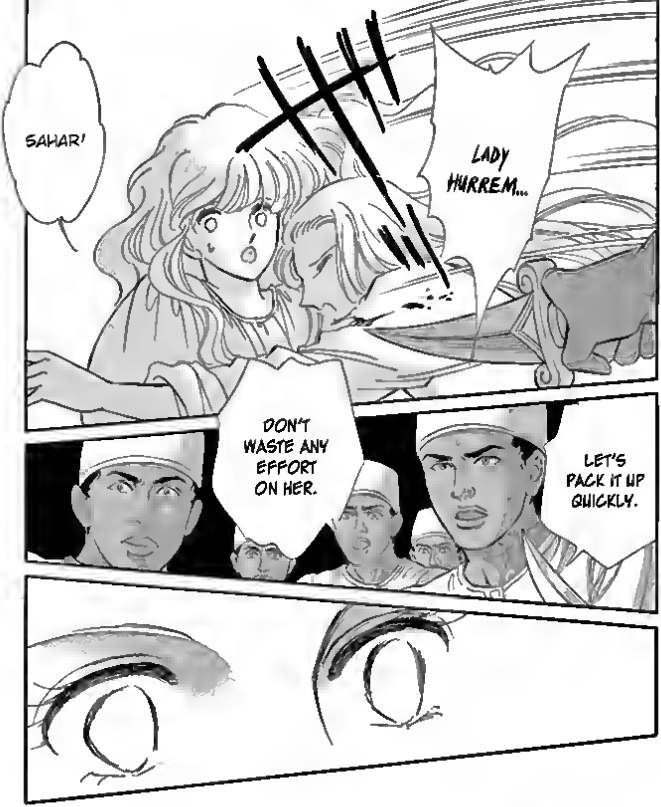
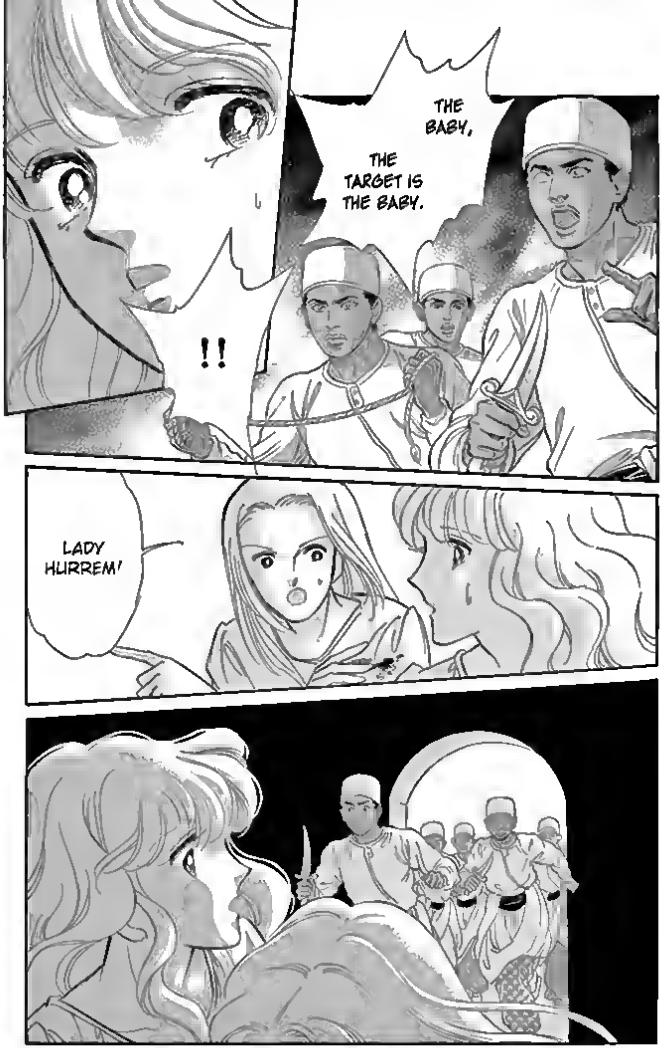
Wake up! Lady Hurrem is being attacked in her resting room!
Faster! Wake up!



Nobody's going to come

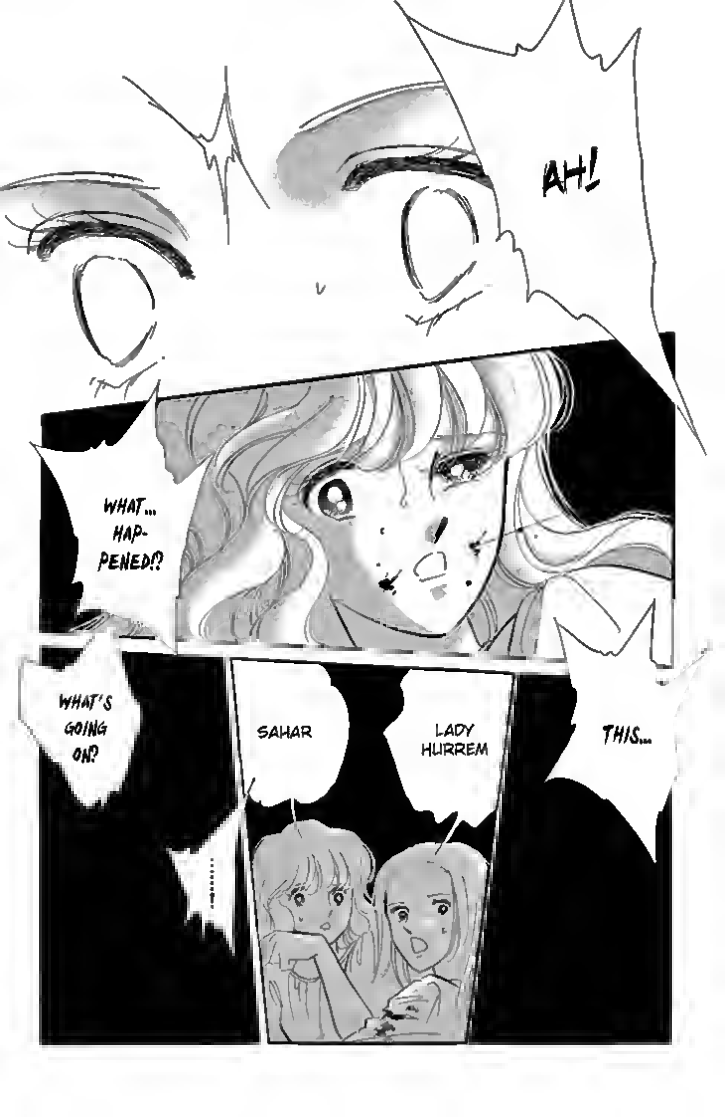
Are all followers of Lady Gulbahar!

All the concubines in the harem


!!
THE BABY,
THE TARGET IS THE BABY.
LADY HURREM!

No...
The prince is going to be assassinated!
No!
Can't!

STOP IT!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
This is my child
This is all I've got
Be it Lord Suleiman's or Lord Ibrahim's child, it doesn't matter anymore


AH!
WHAT... HAP-PENED!?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SAHAR
LADY HURREM
THIS...
.....

LADY HURREM, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
AH!

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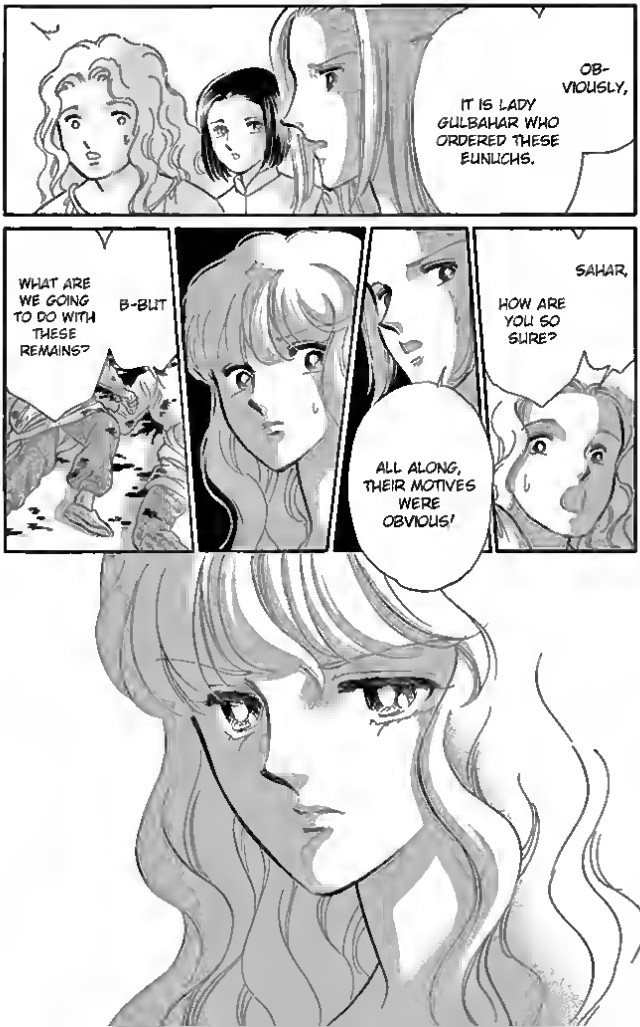
THIS .. THIS IS?
WHO...
TAUGHT ME THIS?


OBVIOUSLY,
IT IS LADY GULBAHAR WHO ORDERED THESE EUNUCHS.
SAHAR,
HOW ARE YOU SO SURE?
ALL ALONG, THEIR MOTIVES WERE OBVIOUS!
B-BUT
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THESE REMAINS?

YES,
IN THAT CASE...

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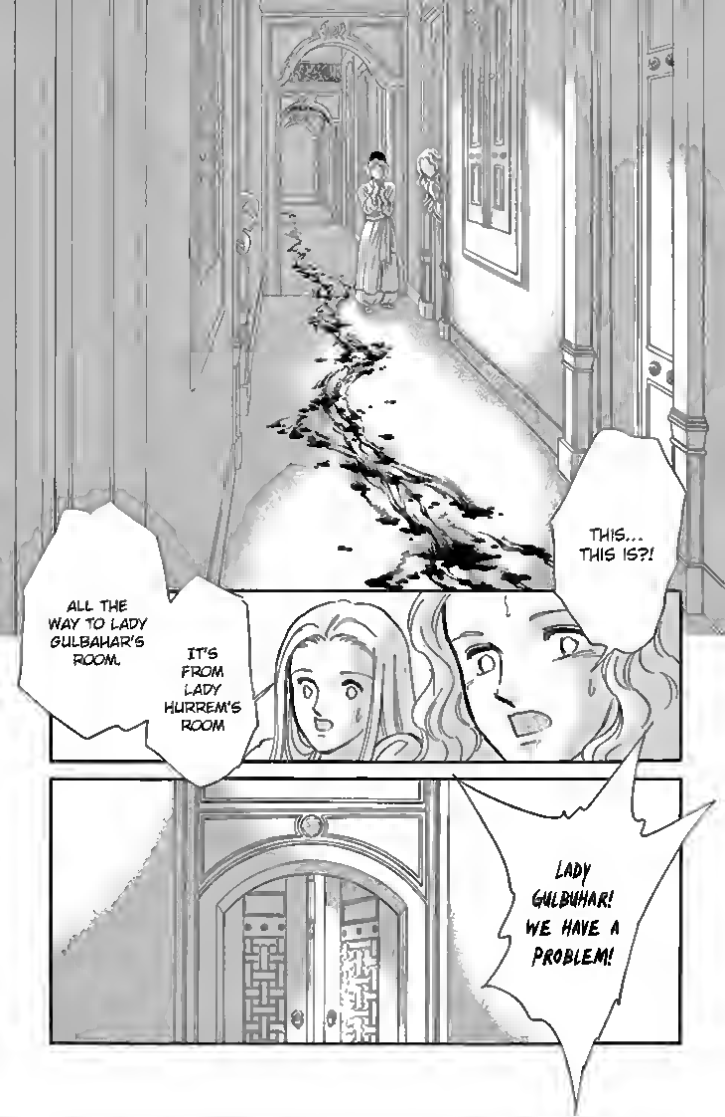
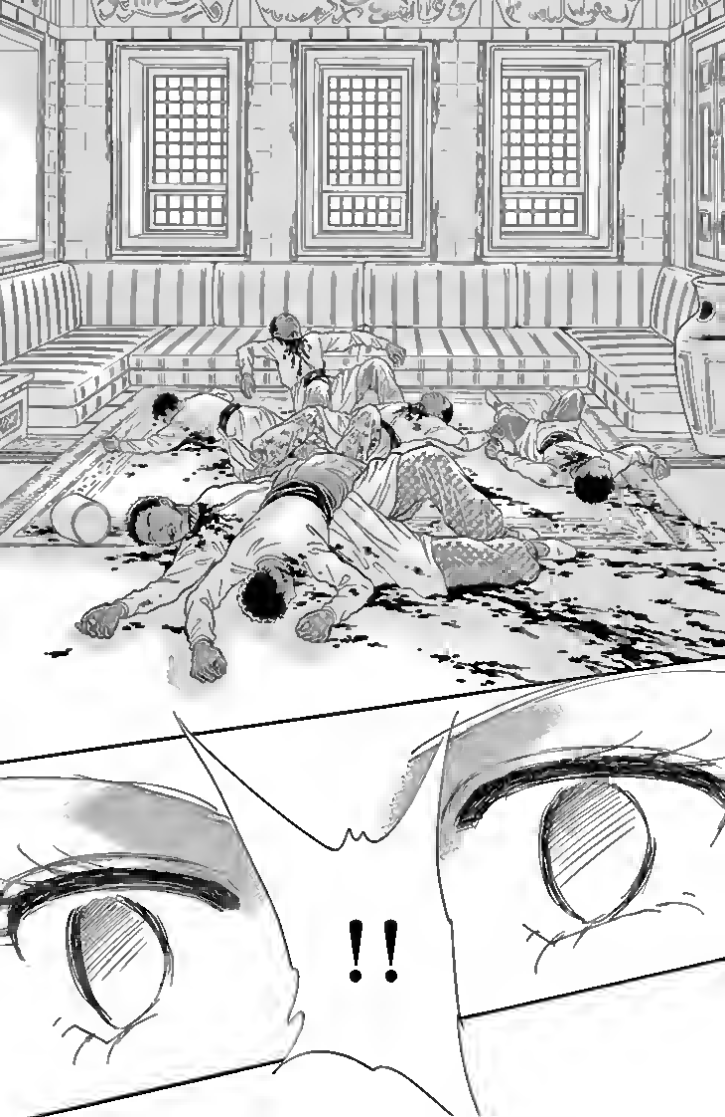
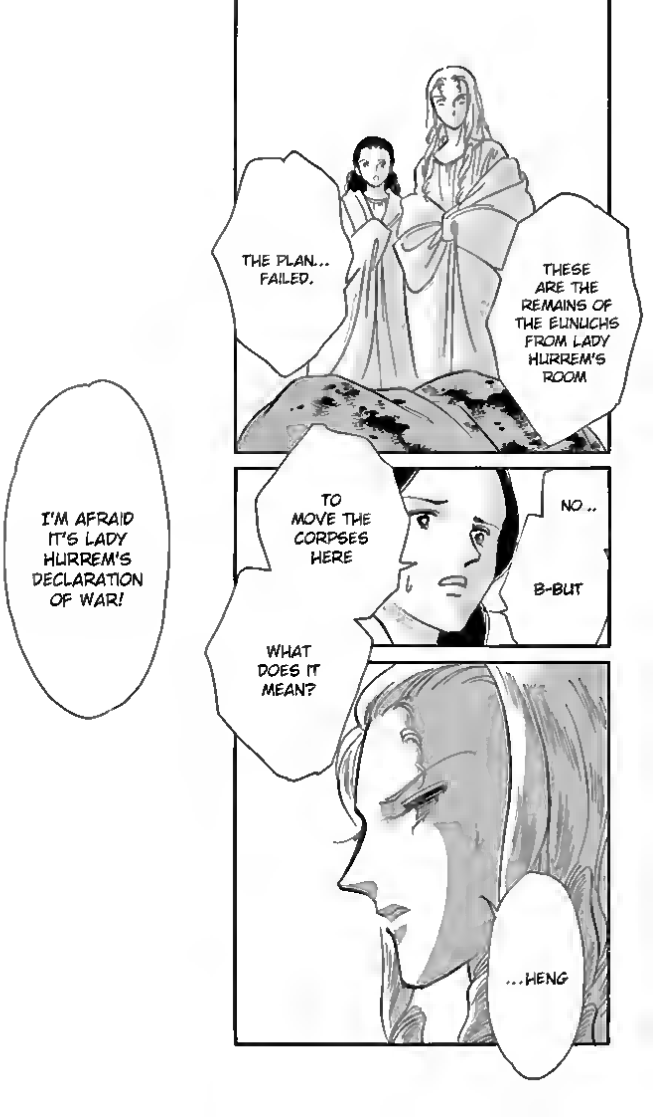
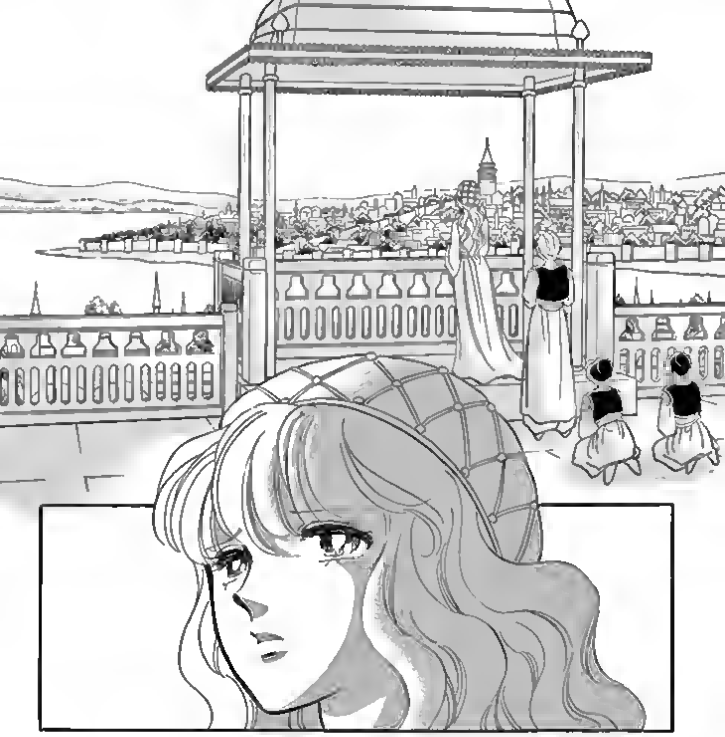

THIS... THIS IS?!
IT'S FROM LADY HURREM'S ROOM
ALL THE WAY TO LADY GULBAHAR'S ROOM.
LADY GULBUHAR! WE HAVE A PROBLEM!




THE PLAN... FAILED.
THESE ARE THE REMAINS OF THE EUNUCHS FROM LADY HURREM'S ROOM
NO ..
B-BUT
TO MOVE THE CORPSES HERE
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
I'M AFRAID IT'S LADY HURREM'S DECLARATION OF WAR!
...HENG



Lord Ibrahim is still in Rhode Island.

Who was the one who saved me?

Then who could it be...?

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That is quite impressive for a person...
To be able to kill five in a split second...
Furthermore,
REPORTING TO LADY HURREM
THERE'S A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN WAITING, AND REQUESTED TO MEET YOU
WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET THEM?
AT A TIME LIKE THIS? WHO COULD IT BE?

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET, LADY HURREM
I AM LORD IBRAHIM'S MAN, HELENA METTER.
DURING LORD IBRAHIM'S ABSENCE, I HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO FOLLOW LADY HURREM'S COMMAND.
HELENA METTER
TO HAVE LORD IBRAHIM'S CONCERN
THAT'S GREAT
SEFIK AND I GREW UP TOGETHER, AND HAD ALWAYS BEEN UNDER THE CARE OF LORD IBRAHIM!
THAT'S WHY ..

NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT IT MAY BE
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND ANY ORDER!
.....

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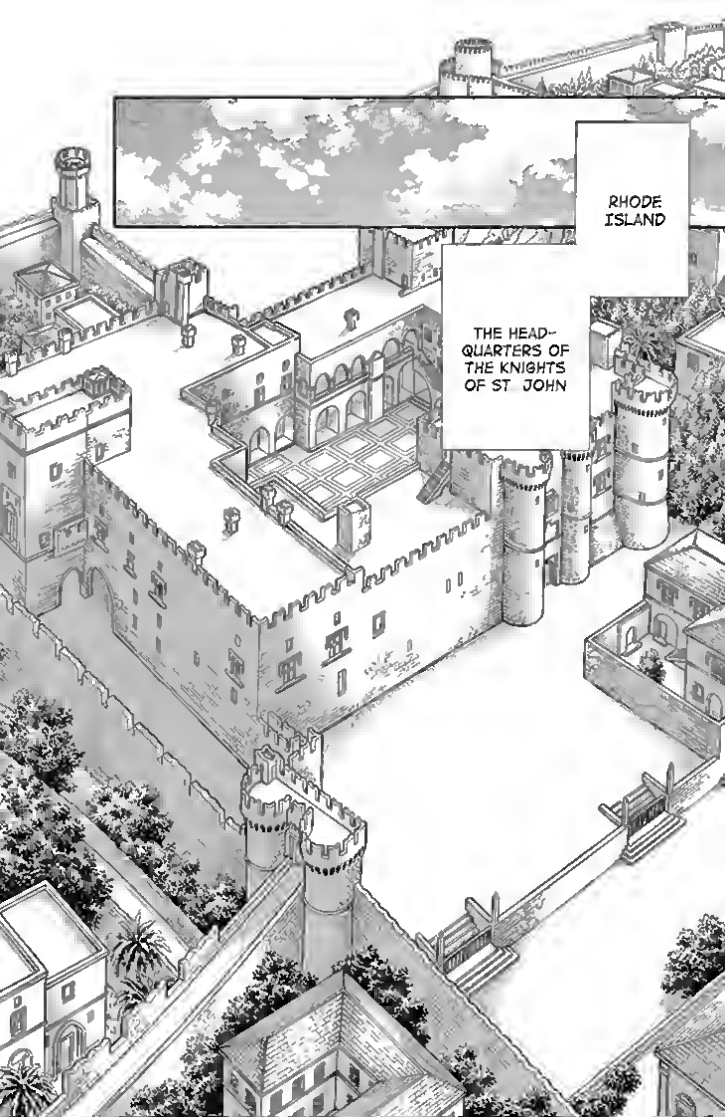
Thank you for reading!
LORD SULEIMAN
A FEW EUNUCHS IN THE HAREM HAVE BEEN KILLED
IT SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING SERIOUS HAS HAPPENED IN ISTANBUL

I HAVE SENT THE INDICATED LETTERS TO THE VIZERS AND CHANCELLORS OF THE GREAT SEAL IN ISTANBUL.
JUST PUT THAT ASIDE FOR A WHILE, IBRAHIM.
THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE CONCUBINES, I SHALL LET THEM FIGHT THEMSELVES
AS MY WAR IS JUST BEFORE ME!
BEFORE THE CHILD IS BORN, RETURN TO ISTANBUL,
PACK UP.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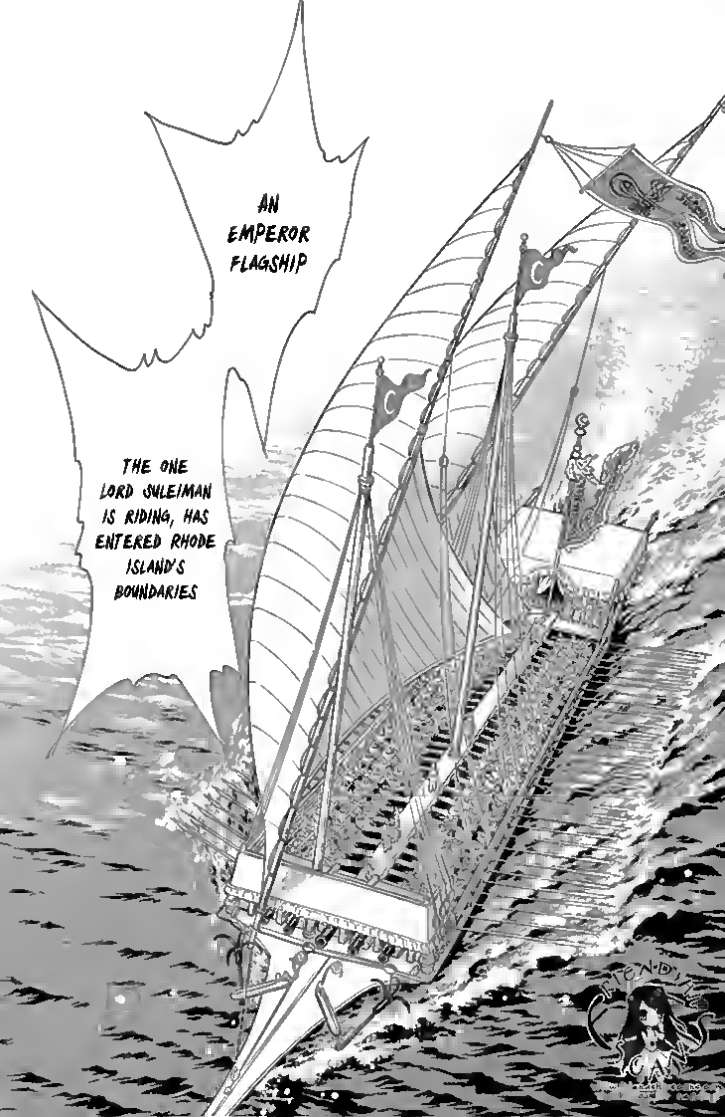
THE HEAD-- QUARTERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN

THE OSMAN'S ARMY OF CAVALRY AND INFANTRY IS AMBUSHING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF MARMARIS
THEIR NAVIES HAVE ALSO GATHERED ON THE COASTAL WATERS
THE SOLDIERS WILL COME ON LAND SOONER OR LATER
DON'T BE ANXIOUS
RHODE ISLAND CITADEL WILL NOT BREAK!
TO PUT THE COMMONWEALTH AT EASE, PLEASE PASS ON THE MESSAGE!
REPORTING TO THE HEAD-QUARTERS, OTTOMAN'S EMPEROR, LORD SULEIMAN...
HAS TAKEN ACTION
IT'S...
WHAT HAS HAPPENED?


AN EMPEROR FLAGSHIP
THE ONE LORD SULEIMAN IS RIDING, HAS ENTERED RHODE ISLAND'S BOUNDARIES

AEGEAN PIRATES- RHODE ISLAND CITADEL OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN!

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Among the three hundred plus slave girls in the harem, those who can receive the emperor's favour
and obtain the concubine position number are only a few.
Among the concubines only those who can give birth to a successor can become the Kadin
On the 2nd year of Suleiman 1's rule,
Gulbahar Mahidevran gave birth to the first prince Mustafa and is the only Kadin.

IT DOESN'T ACTUALLY SEEM THAT WAY,
SENDING GIFTS IS NORMAL ETIQUETTE IN THE PALACE SO IT'S HARD TO SEE A PARTICULAR SHOW OF LOVE
DOWAGER EMPRESS BASICALLY STAYS IN THE PALACE SO EVEN HIS HIGHNESS MUSTAFA HARDLY MEETS HER
FOR YOU, THIS IS A GOOD THING
LADY HURREM.
BUT...
HIS HIGHNESS IS HER ONLY GRANDSON

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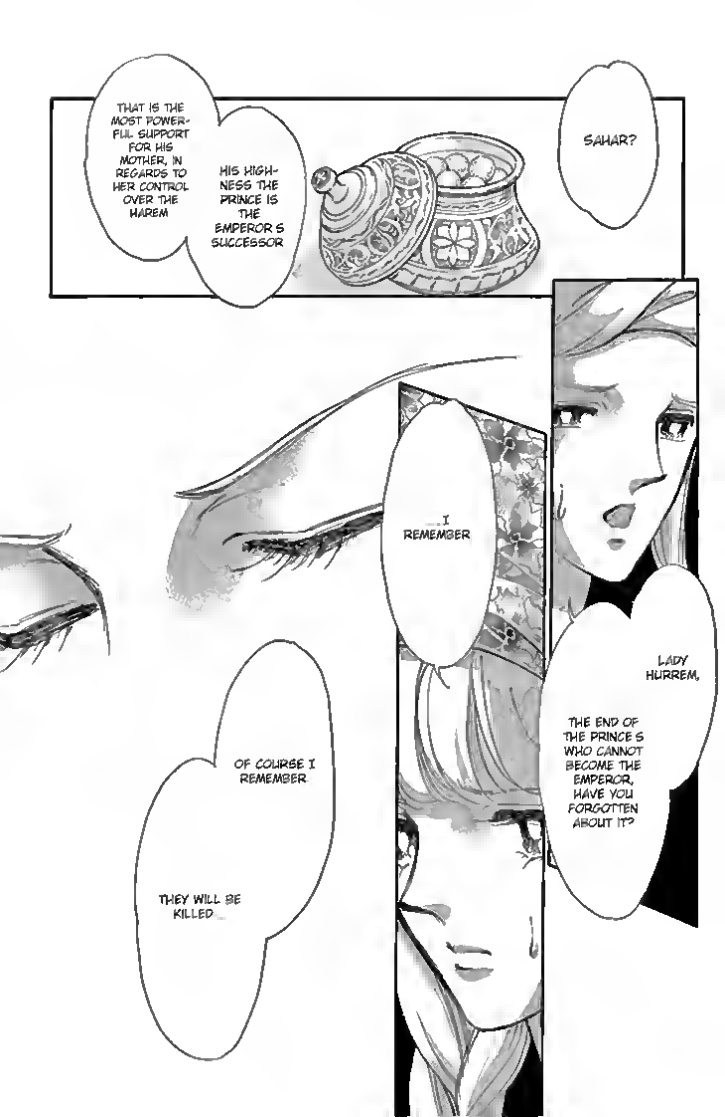
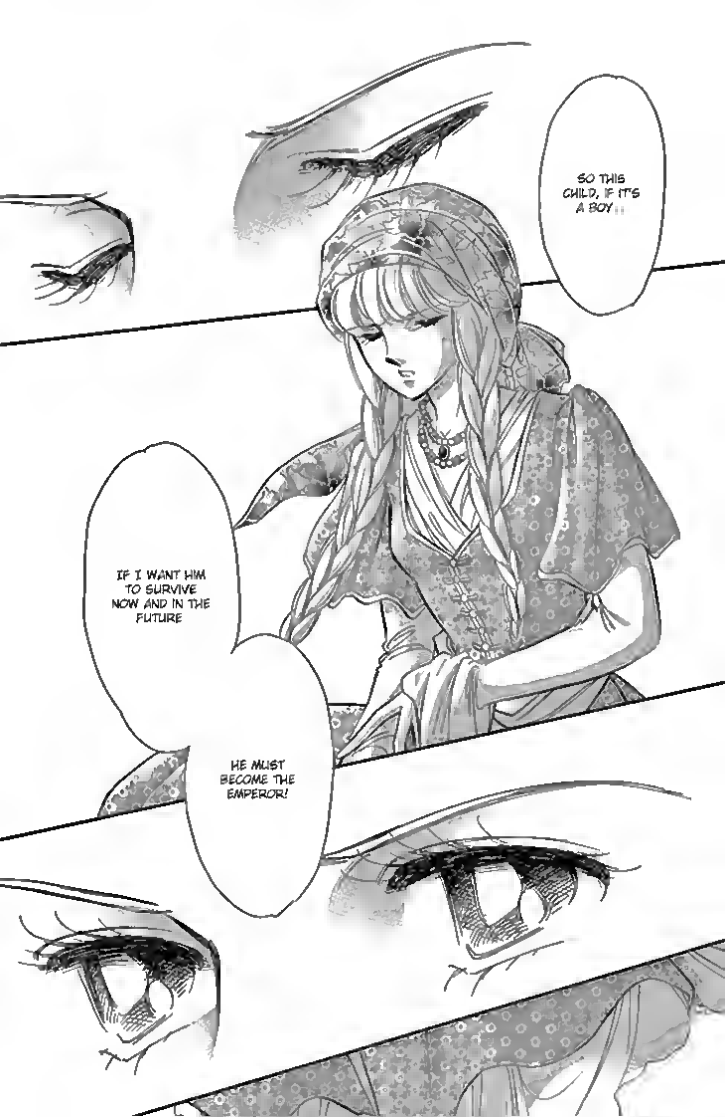

SAHAR?
HIS HIGHNESS THE PRINCE IS THE EMPEROR'S SUCCESSOR
THAT IS THE MOST POWERFUL SUPPORT FOR HIS MOTHER, IN REGARDS TO HER CONTROL OVER THE HAREM
LADY HURREM,
THE END OF THE PRINCE'S WHO CANNOT BECOME THE EMPEROR, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT?
...I REMEMBER
OF COURSE I REMEMBER
THEY WILL BE KILLED...

TO AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY DISPUTE, ALL THE OTHER PRINCE'S WILL BE KILLED BY THE SUCCESSOR OF THE THRONE!
THIS IS THE OTTOMAN'S TRADITION!


SO THIS CHILD, IF IT'S A BOY...
IF I WANT HIM TO SURVIVE NOW AND IN THE FUTURE
HE MUST BECOME THE EMPEROR!

Even now...
I still hope to some day see the sky of a distant place
even though there's no way I can get there.
THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT'S WHY LADY GULBAHAR HAS ALSO SWORE TO FIGHT FOR HER SON MUSTAFA'S LIFE
WE DEFINITELY CANNOT LOSE!
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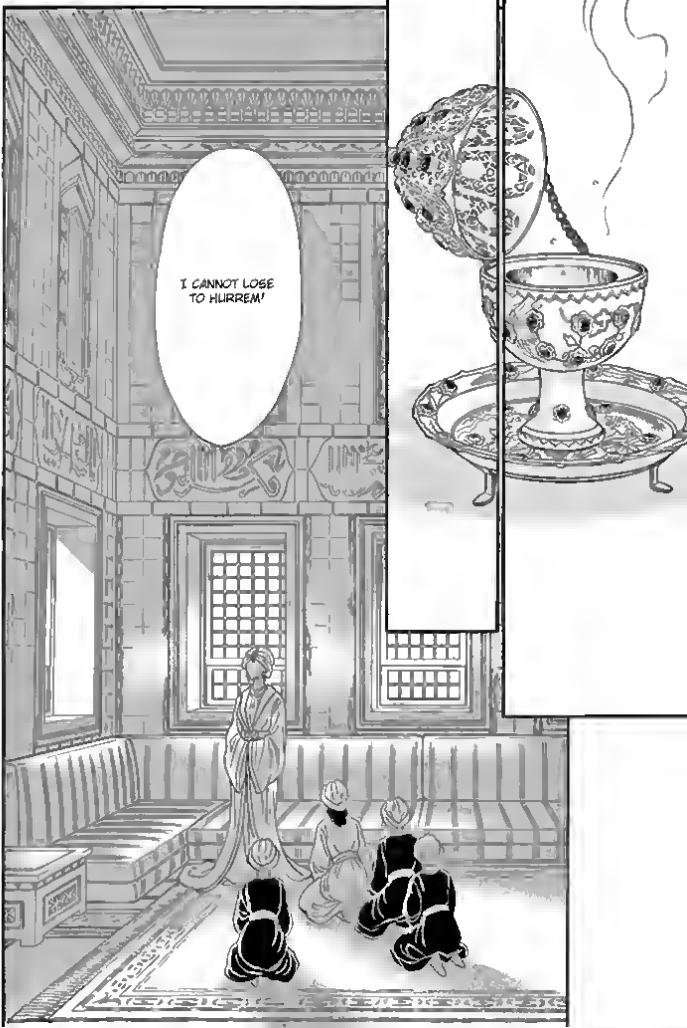
But right now, what's most important is this life in my belly, that must be born safely...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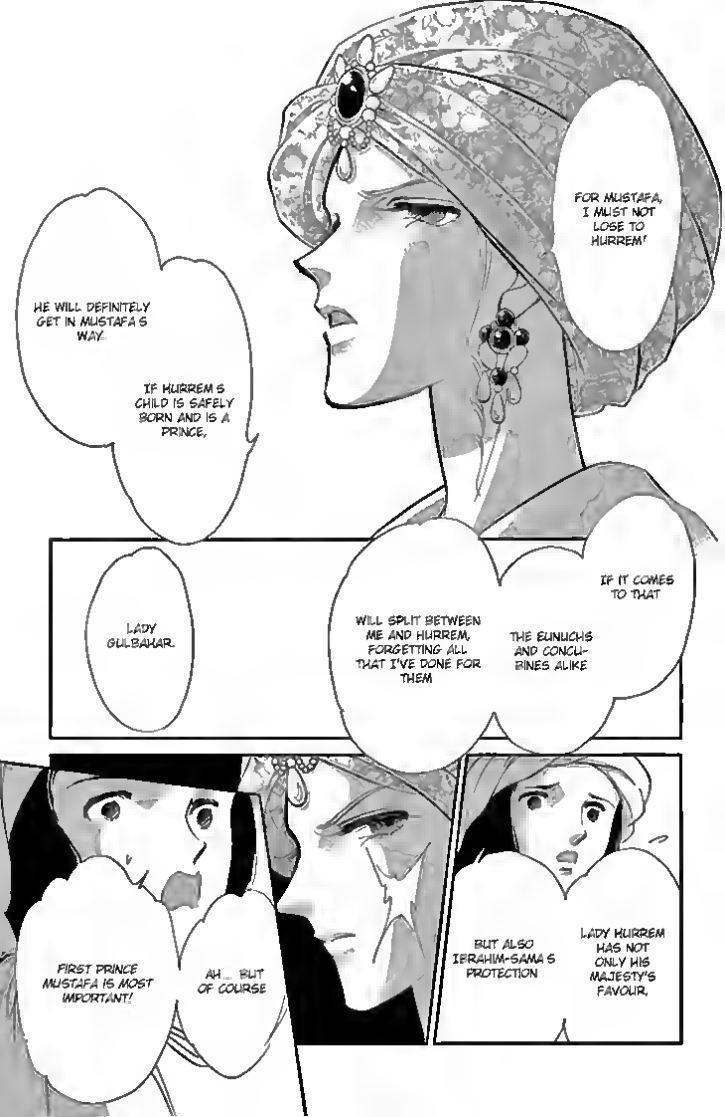
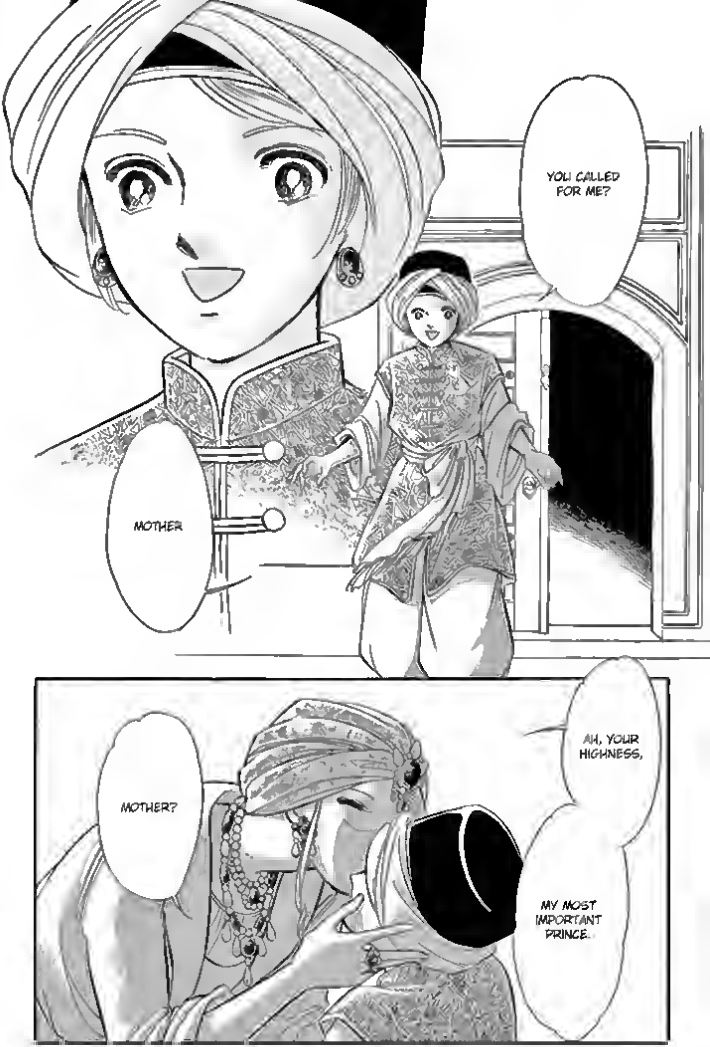

FOR MUSTAFA, I MUST NOT LOSE TO HURREM!
HE WILL DEFINITELY GET IN MUSTAFA'S WAY.
IF HURREM'S CHILD IS SAFELY BORN AND IS A PRINCE,
LADY GULBAHAR.
IF IT COMES TO THAT
WILL SPLIT BETWEEN ME AND HURREM, FORGETTING ALL THAT I'VE DONE FOR THEM
THE EUNUCHS AND CONCU-BINES ALIKE
BUT ALSO IBRAHIM-SAMA'S PROTECTION
LADY HURREM HAS NOT ONLY HIS MAJESTY'S FAVOUR.
FIRST PRINCE MUSTAFA IS MOST IMPORTANT!
AH... BUT OF COURSE

MUSTAFA IS THE FIRST PRINCE
AND HIS MAJESTY'S ONLY SON
THIS IS THE TRUTH THAT MUST BE MADE CLEAR TO ALL!
FAFULA.
YES!
CALL PRINCE MUSTAFA HERE!


YOU CALLED FOR ME?
MOTHER
AH, YOUR HIGHNESS,
MOTHER?
MY MOST IMPORTANT PRINCE..

EH?
YOUR HIGH-NESS
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR GRANDMOTHER?
HER HIGHNESS THE EMPRESS DOWAGER

EMPRESS DOWAGER AYŞE HATUN

GREETINGS, GRAND-MOTHER..
THANK YOU FOR MEETING WITH ME TODAY.
YOUR HIGHNESS MUSTAFA, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU CAME PERSONALLY TO SEE ME
I WROTE A POEM FOR YOU, GRANDMOTHER
I WANTED YOU TO LISTEN TO IT.
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WISH TO ASK OF ME, MUSTAFA?
MOTHER IS HOSTING A TEA PARTY FOR GRANDMOTHER, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO COME?
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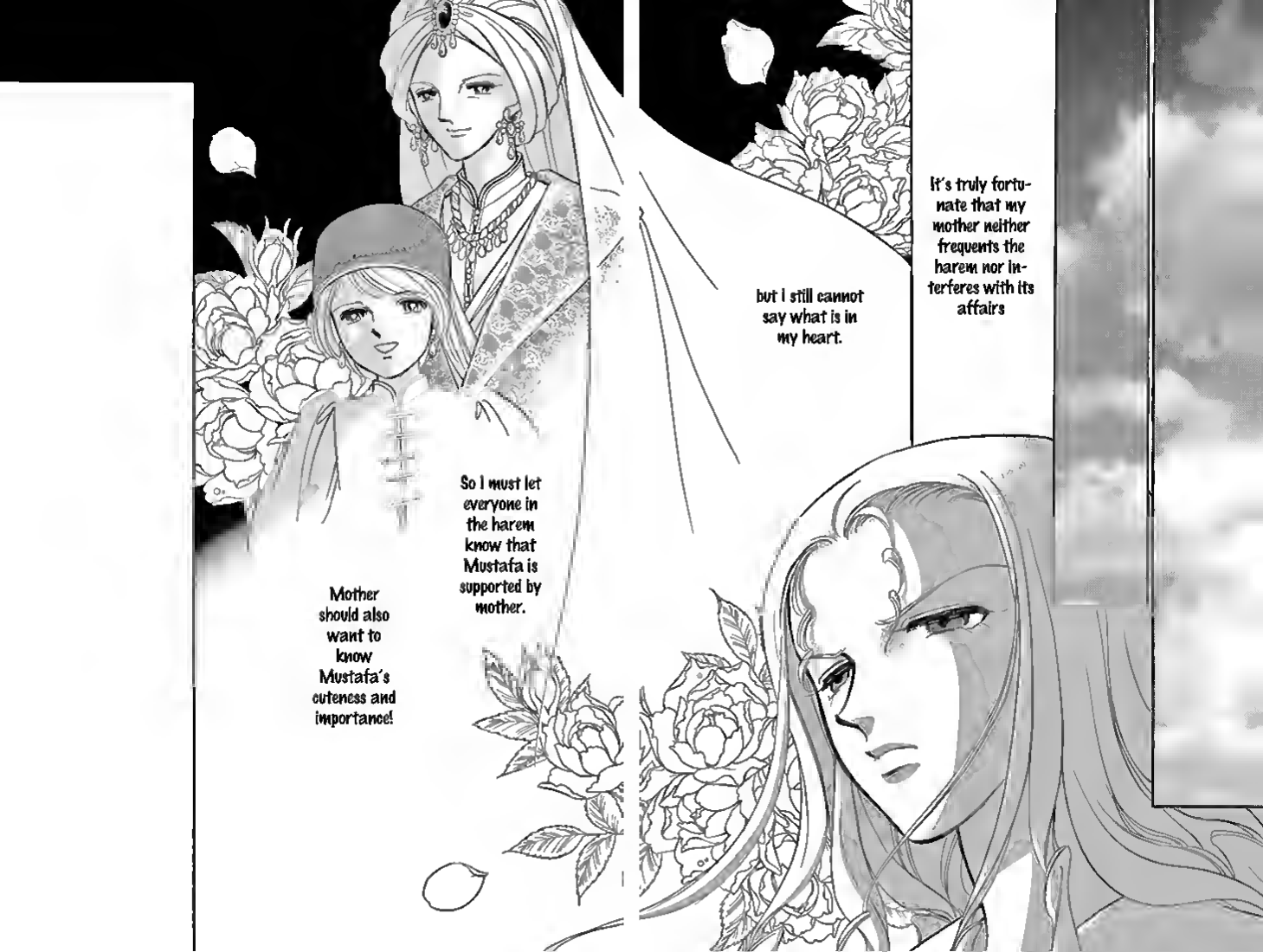
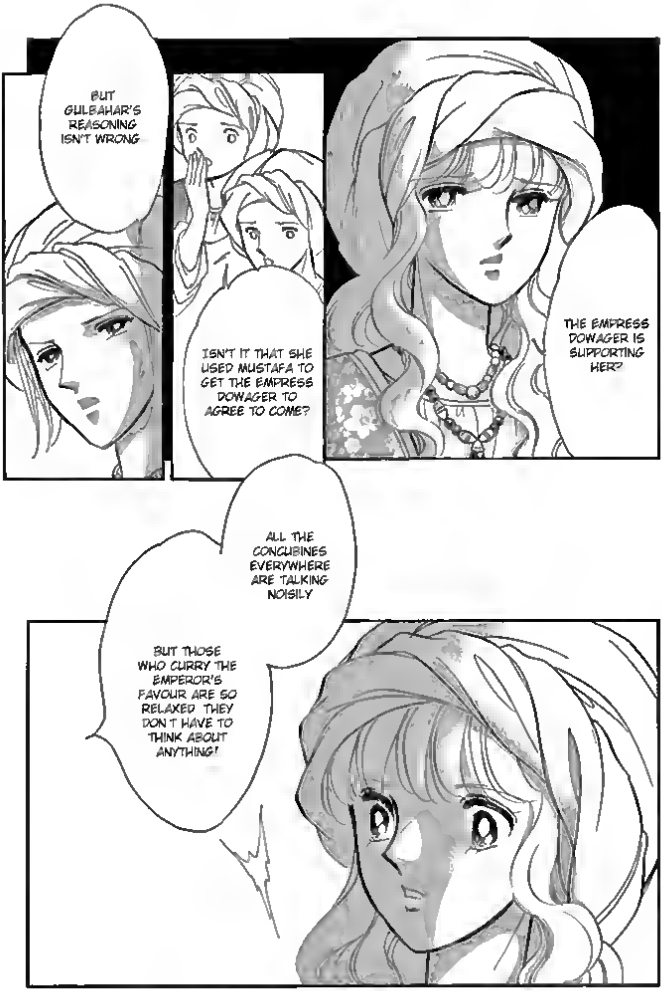
SINCE MUSTAFA INVITED ME PERSONALLY, I CANNOT REFUSE!
HN, GULEA-HAR...


Mother should also want to know Mustafa's cuteness and importance!
So I must let everyone in the harem know that Mustafa is supported by mother.
but I still cannot say what is in my heart.
It's truly fortunate that my mother neither frequents the harem nor interferes with its affairs

HAVE YOU HEARD?
LADY GULBAHAR IS HOSTING A TEA PARTY AND EVEN INVITED THE EMPRESS DOWAGER
YES
HER HIGHNESS HARDLY EVER COMES TO TEA PARTIES IN THE HAREM
TO GET THE EMPRESS DOWAGER TO COME LADY GULBAHAR REALLY IS AMAZING

OH RIGHT, THE TEA PARTY IS OPEN TO EVERYONE.
THAT IS TO SAY, IF YOU DON'T GO...
TO HAVE THE EMPRESS DOWAGER'S SUPPORT. THAT'S POWERFUL!
NOT A BAD COUNTERATTACK, GULBAHAR'S MOVE IS VERY CUNNING!
COUNTER-ATTACK?
OH, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE CORPSES OF THE EUNUCHS THAT WERE FOUND IN GULBAHAR'S ROOM.
SHH!
PERHAPS IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT WHO'S SIDE TO BE ON, BUT...


BUT GULBAHAR'S REASONING ISN'T WRONG
ISN'T IT THAT SHE USED MUSTAFA TO GET THE EMPRESS DOWAGER TO AGREE TO COME?
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IS SUPPORTING HER?
ALL THE CONCUBINES EVERYWHERE ARE TALKING NOISILY
BUT THOSE WHO CURRY THE EMPEROR'S FAVOUR ARE SO RELAXED THEY DON'T HAVE TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING!

WHAT DO YOU SAY?
LADY HURREM
LADY GULBAHAR

.....
HOW THOUGHTFUL
I DON'T THINK IT MATTERS IF YOU HAVE THE EMPEROR'S FAVOUR, EVERYONE HAS THEIR PERSONAL WORRIES NO?
THAT'S RIGHT
YOU'VE PROBABLY ALREADY HEARD
IF IT'S CONVENIENT, I WISH TO WELCOME YOU TO GRACE US WITH YOUR PRESENCE
I'M PREPARING TO HOST A TEA PARTY AND HAVE INVITED THE EMPRESS DOWAGER TO JOIN
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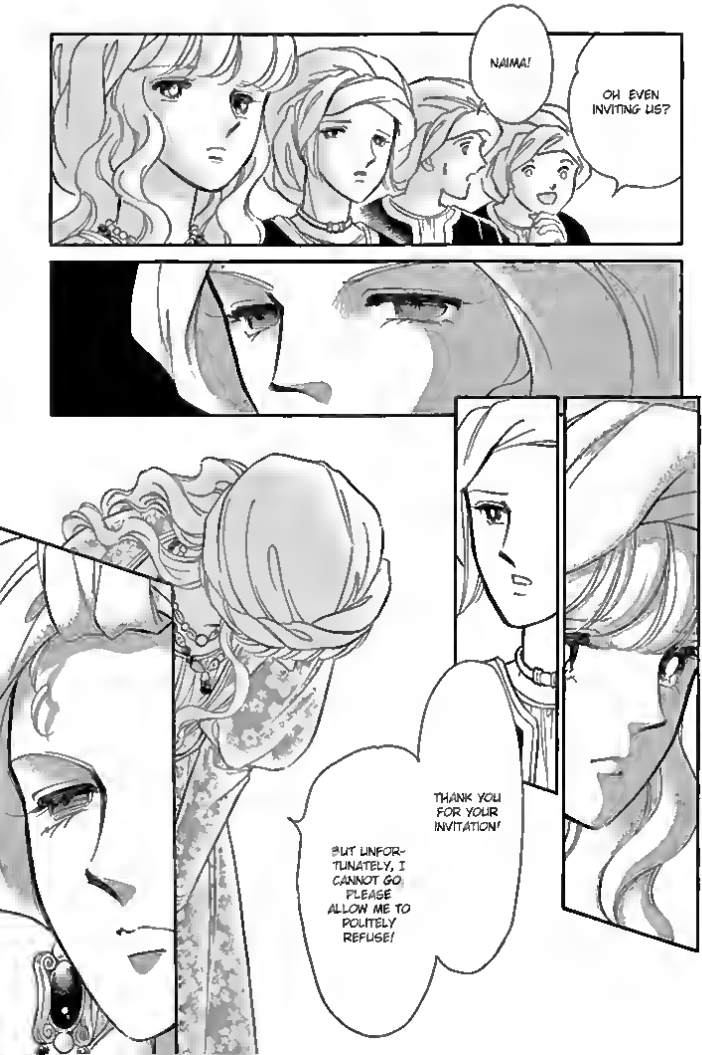
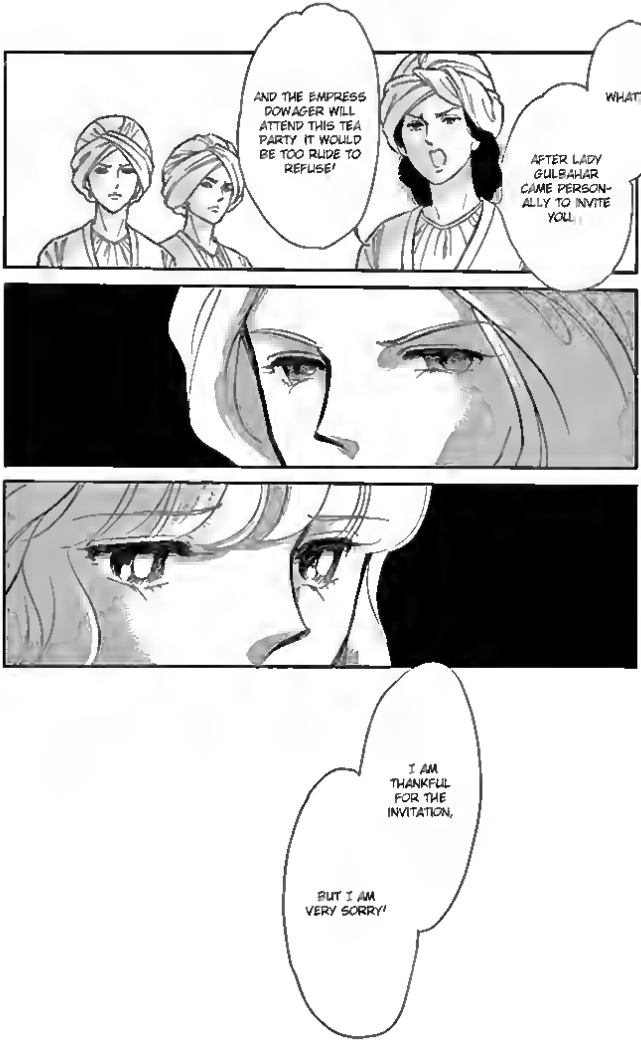

NAIMA!
OH EVEN INVITING US?
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVITATION!
BUT UNFORTUNATELY, I CANNOT GO. PLEASE ALLOW ME TO POLITELY REFUSE!


AND THE EMPRESS DOWAGER WILL ATTEND THIS TEA PARTY. IT WOULD BE TOO RUDE TO REFUSE!
WHAT?
AFTER LADY GULBAHAR CAME PERSONALLY TO INVITE YOU.
I AM THANKFUL FOR THE INVITATION,
BUT I AM VERY SORRY!

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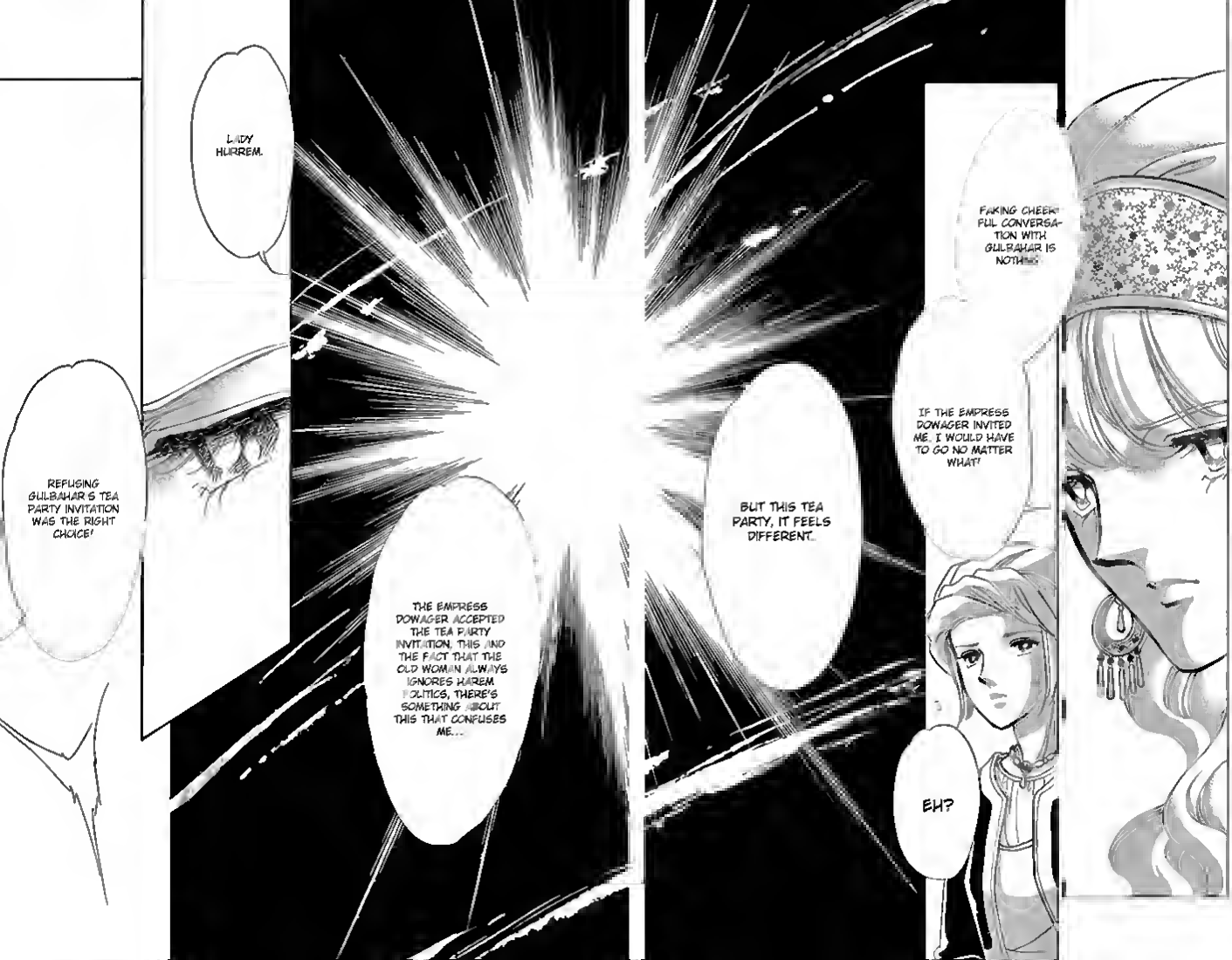
EVEN THOUGH IT'S HARD TO CHEERFULLY TALK TO YOUR RIVAL ..
TO REFUSE LADY GULBAHAR'S INVITATION...
SAHAR.
BUT...
TO BE ABSENT FROM THE TEA PARTY THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IS ATTENDING, WON'T THERE BE PROBLEMS?


LADY HURREM.
REFUSING GULBAHAR'S TEA PARTY INVITATION WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE!
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER ACCEPTED THE TEA PARTY INVITATION. THIS AND THE FACT THAT THE OLD WOMAN ALWAYS IGNORES HAREM POLITICS, THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THIS THAT CONFUSES ME...
BUT THIS TEA PARTY, IT FEELS DIFFERENT...
FAKING CHEERFUL CONVERSATION WITH GULBAHAR IS NOTHING
IF THE EMPRESS DOWAGER INVITED ME, I WOULD HAVE TO GO NO MATTER WHAT!
EH?

HOW ARE YOU?
LADY HURREM.
MEHMED*
*TN: Helena Matter is not his name, it is Mehmed! Makes more sense right?
ON BEHALF OF IBRAHIM-SAMA,
I CAME TO VISIT!
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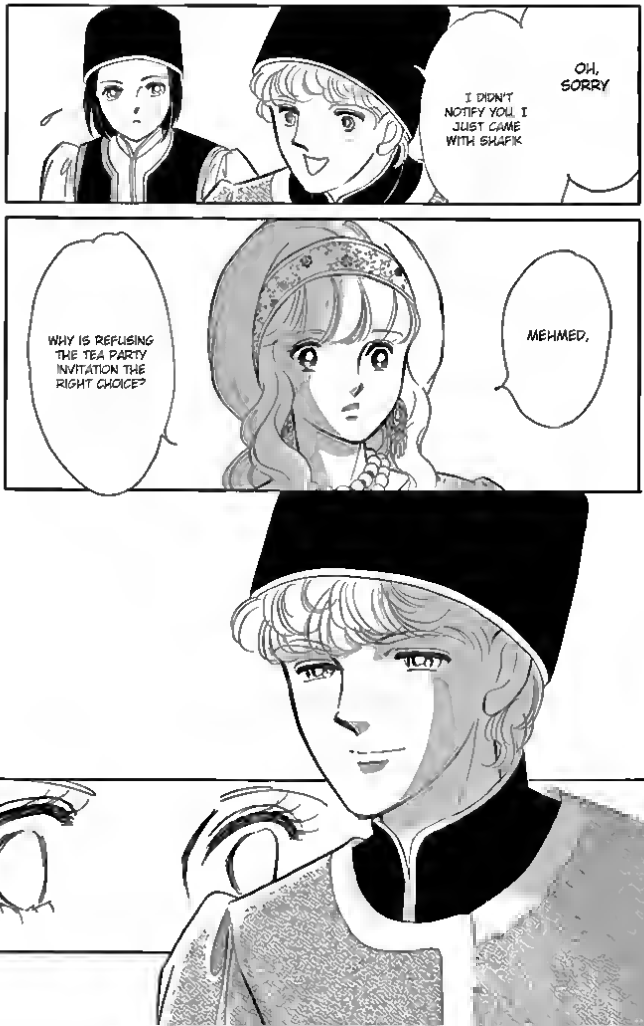
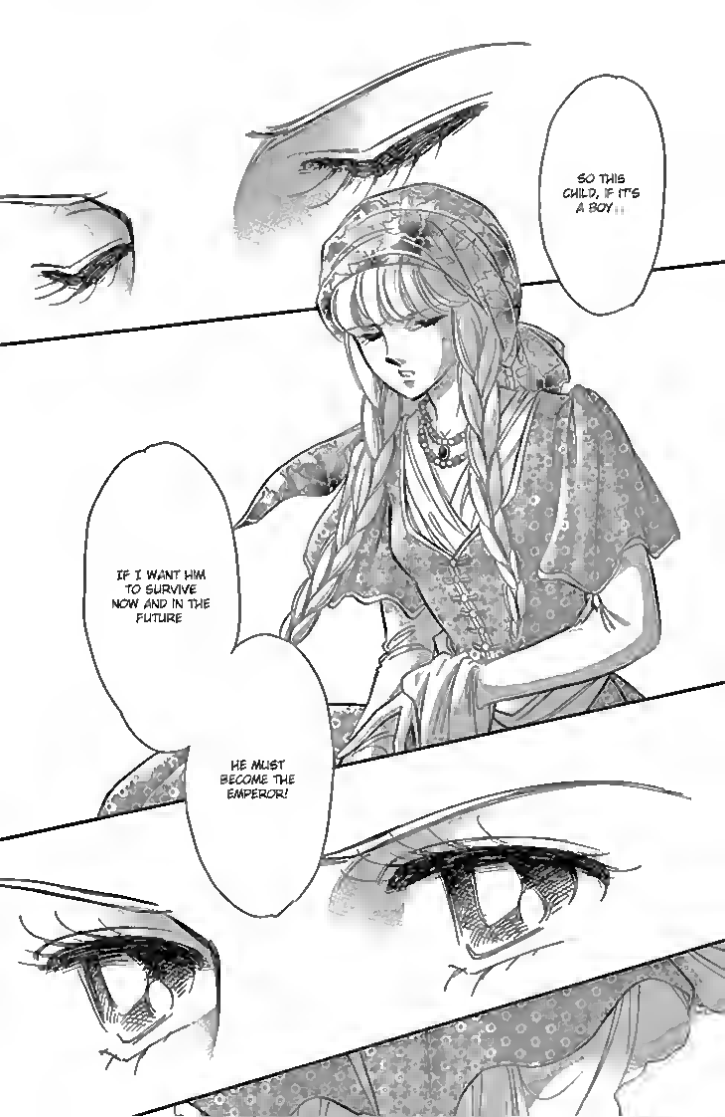

OH, SORRY
I DIDN'T NOTIFY YOU, I JUST CAME WITH SHAFIK
MEHMED,
WHY IS REFUSING THE TEA PARTY INVITATION THE RIGHT CHOICE?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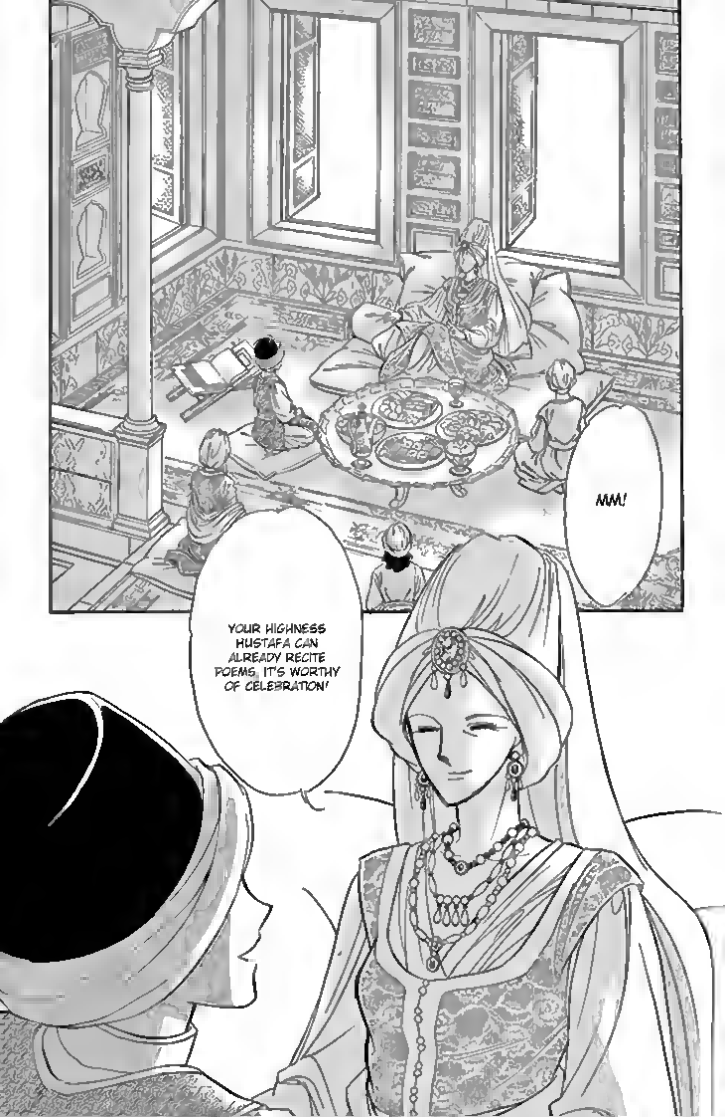
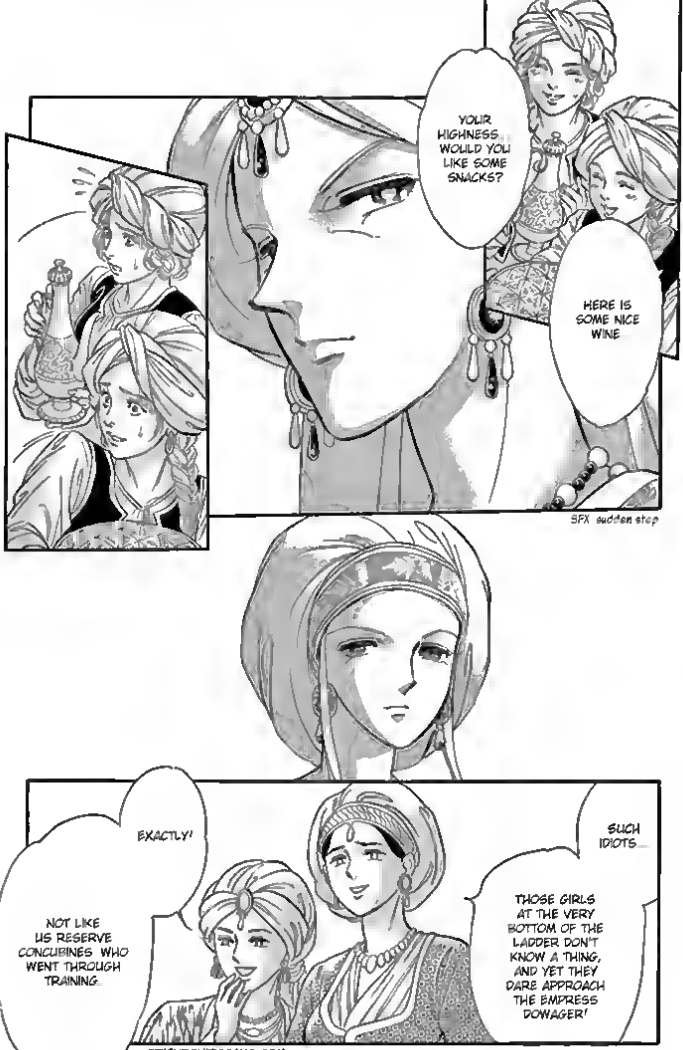
HE MUST BECOME THE EMPEROR!

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER, AYŞE HATUN!


MM!
YOUR HIGHNESS HUSTAFA CAN ALREADY RECITE POEMS. IT'S WORTHY OF CELEBRATION!

WA!
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!
SAME HERE!
IF WE CAN ATTRACT HER ATTENTION, THERE MIGHT BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE HIS MAJESTY
THEN TAKE SOME SNACKS AND TRY
IT'S REALLY A RARE OPPORTUNITY.
AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO LADY GULFAHAR!


YOUR HIGHNESS, WOULD YOU LIKE SOME SNACKS?
HERE IS SOME NICE WINE
SFX sudden stop
SUCH IDIOTS...
THOSE GIRLS AT THE VERY BOTTOM OF THE LADDER DON'T KNOW A THING, AND YET THEY DARE APPROACH THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!
EXACTLY!
NOT LIKE US RESERVE CONCUBINES WHO WENT THROUGH TRAINING.

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EMPRESS DOWAGER, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO LISTEN TO A SONG?
I PLAY THE LUTE
I PLAY THE FLUTE.
THAT'S ENOUGH.
EMPRESS DOWAGER'S FAVOURITE MUSICIAN IS AT HER PALACE
YOU TWO, LEAVE.
"Mother" isn't someone you can easily get close to.
I wanted Hurrem to see the difference between I, the Bas Kadin and the one who will become the mother of the emperor and her.

EH?
YOUR HIGH-NESS
DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR GRANDMOTHER?
HER HIGHNESS THE EMPRESS DOWAGER

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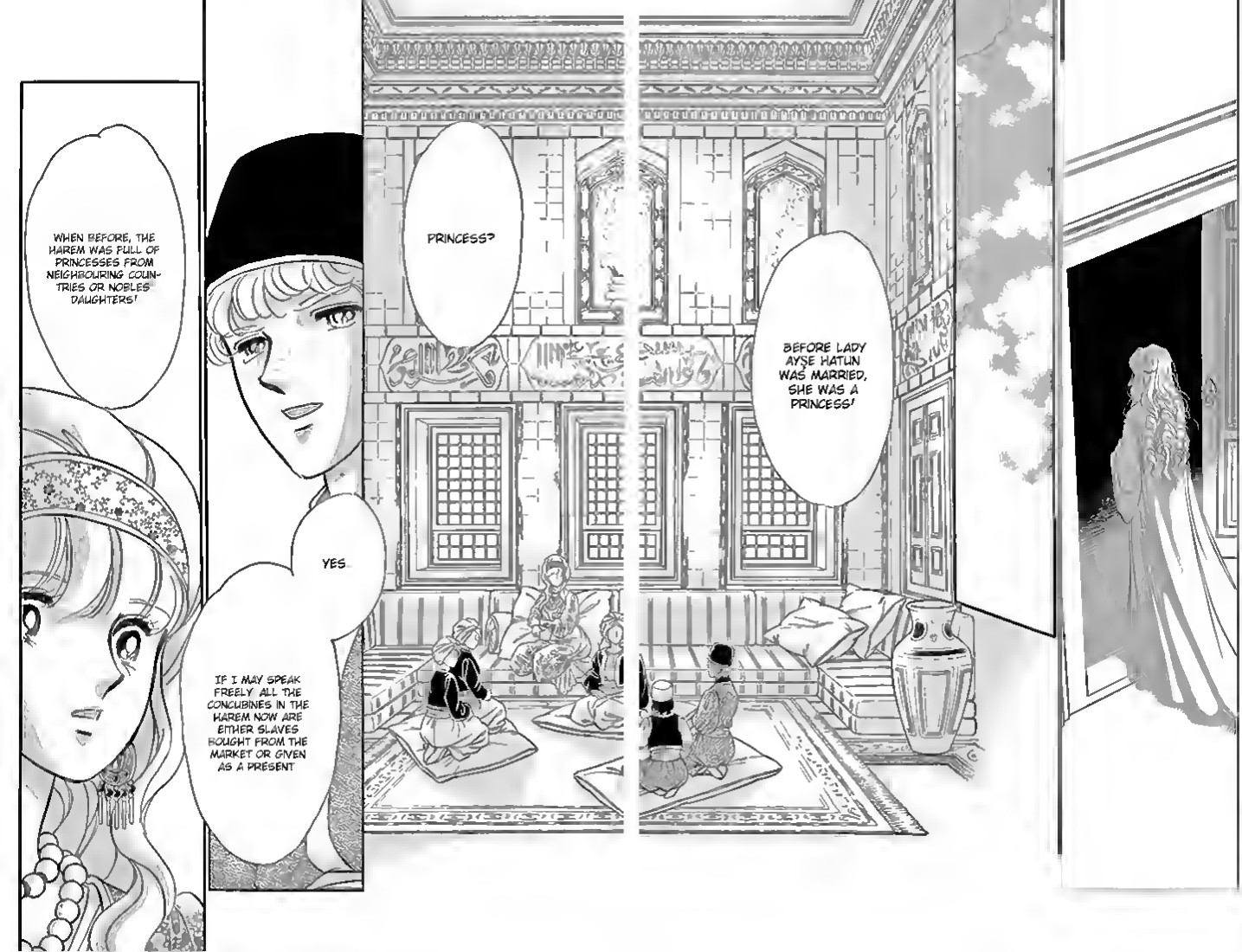
I AM THE BAS KADIN
LADY AYŞE HATUN
SINCE YOU'VE REQUESTED IT, ALL THE OTHER CONCUBINES WILL LEAVE
YOU WERE ORIGINALLY BOUGHT AS A FEMALE SLAVE
IS THAT ANY DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER CONCUBINES?
I DID NOT COME TO ATTEND THIS ANNOYING TEA PARTY!
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND!
I JUST CAME TO VISIT PRINCE MUSTAFA

I DON'T FAVOUR ANYONE!
AS LONG AS THEY CAN GIVE BIRTH TO A CUTE CHILD, ANY CONCUBINE IS GOOD!
FORTU-NATELY,
YOUR SON IS VERY CUTE
GULBAHAR, YOU'RE VERY SELF-CENTERED!
LET'S END THIS HERE TODAY

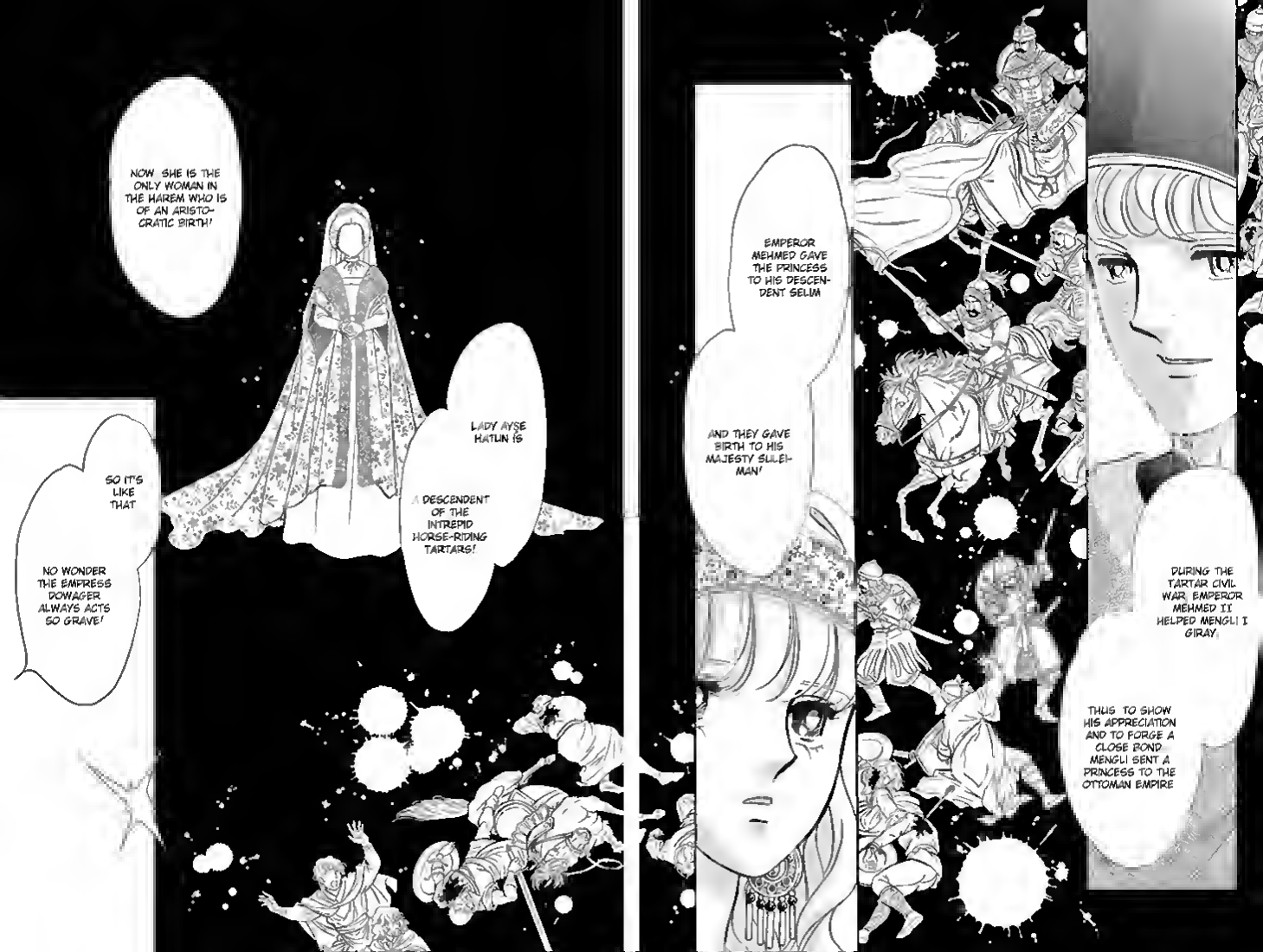

WHEN BEFORE, THE HAREM WAS FULL OF PRINCESSES FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES OR NOBLES' DAUGHTERS!
IF I MAY SPEAK FREELY. ALL THE CONCUBINES IN THE HAREM NOW ARE EITHER SLAVES BOUGHT FROM THE MARKET OR GIVEN AS A PRESENT
YES.
PRINCESS?
BEFORE LADY AYŞE HATUN WAS MARRIED, SHE WAS A PRINCESS!

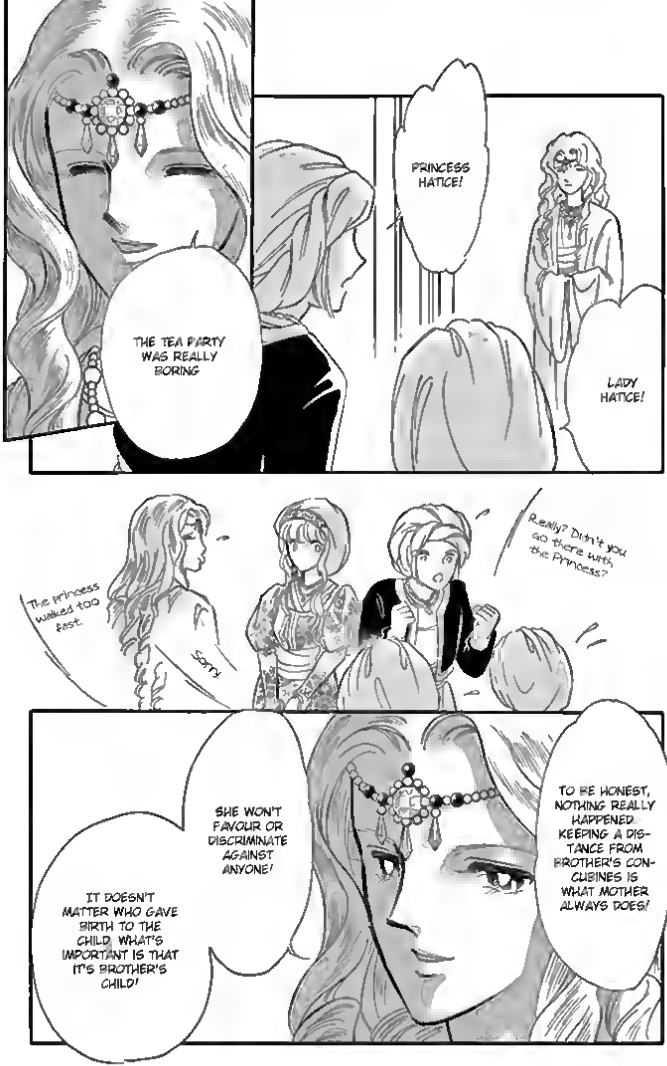
DO YOU KNOW OF EMPEROR SULEIMAN I'S GRANDFATHER, THE 7TH EMPEROR, MEHMED II?
THE ISTANBUL CITY COUNCIL WAS A GROUP OF CHRISTIANS
FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE CITY, THEY CONSTRUCTED THE THREE-TIERED WALL.*
MEHMED II STILL INVADED, CONQUERING THE CITY AND MAKING IT THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL

*T/N: These are the walls of Constantinople.

I'VE READ ABOUT HIM IN A LIBRARY BOOK
HIS MAJESTY MEHMED II IS THE GREATEST EMPEROR IN EXPANDING TERRITORY AND RAISING THE FAME OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE
EXACTLY. SO
NOT ONLY DID HE MAKE PEACE WITH ANATOLIA, BUT HE ALSO CONQUERED SERBIA AND WALLACHIA*
EVEN THE CRIMEA PENINSULA ACROSS THE BLACK SEA ALLIED WITH HIM
LADY AYŞE HATUN IS A TARTAR PRINCESS OF
KHAN OF CRIMEA, MENGLI I GIRAY!

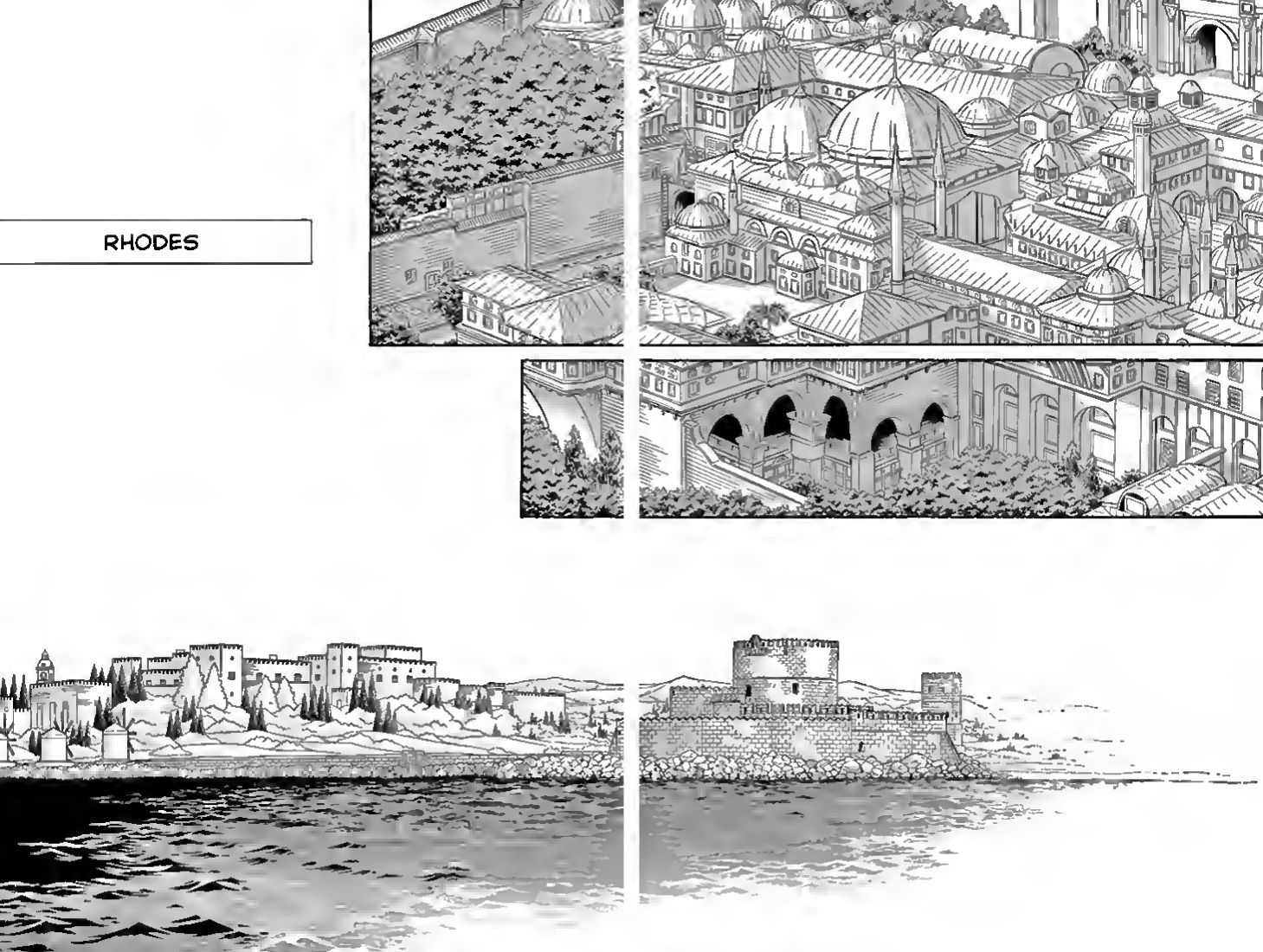
*T/N: Now called Transylvania

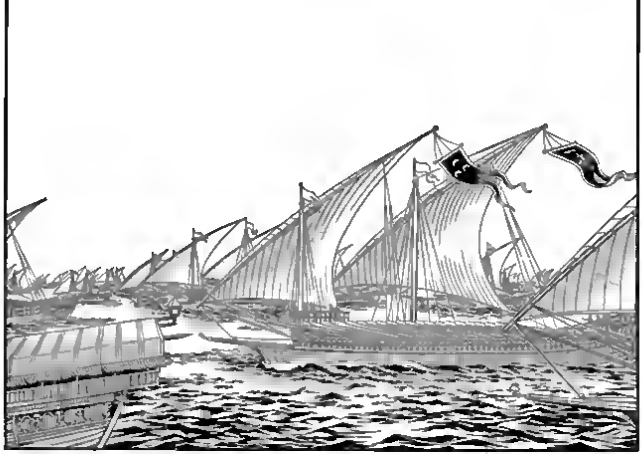

NOW, SHE IS THE ONLY WOMAN IN THE HAREM WHO IS OF AN ARISTOCRATIC BIRTH!
LADY AYŞE HATUN IS A DESCENDENT OF THE INTREPID HORSE-RIDING TARTARS!
SO IT'S LIKE THAT
NO WONDER THE EMPRESS DOWAGER ALWAYS ACTS SO GRAVE!
EMPEROR MEHMED GAVE THE PRINCESS TO HIS DESCENDENT SELIM
AND THEY GAVE BIRTH TO HIS MAJESTY SULEIMAN!
DURING THE TARTAR CIVIL WAR, EMPEROR MEHMED II HELPED MENGLI GIRAY.
THUS TO SHOW HIS APPRECIATION AND TO FORGE A CLOSE BOND, MENGLI SENT A PRINCESS TO THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

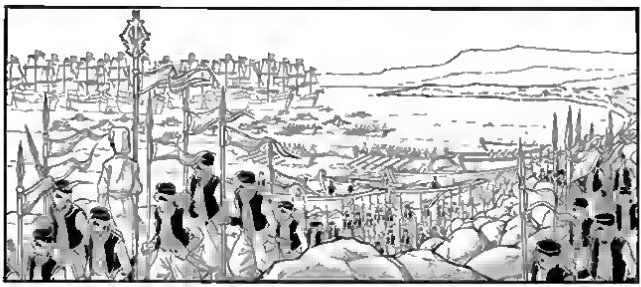

THE TEA PARTY WAS REALLY BORING
PRINCESS HATICE!
LADY HATICE!
The princess walked too fast.
Sorry.
Really? Didn't you go there with the Princess?
TO BE HONEST, NOTHING REALLY HAPPENED. KEEPING A DISTANCE FROM BROTHER'S CONCUBINES IS WHAT MOTHER ALWAYS DOES!
SHE WON'T FAVOUR OR DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANYONE!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO GAVE BIRTH TO THE CHILD. WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT IT'S BROTHER'S CHILD!

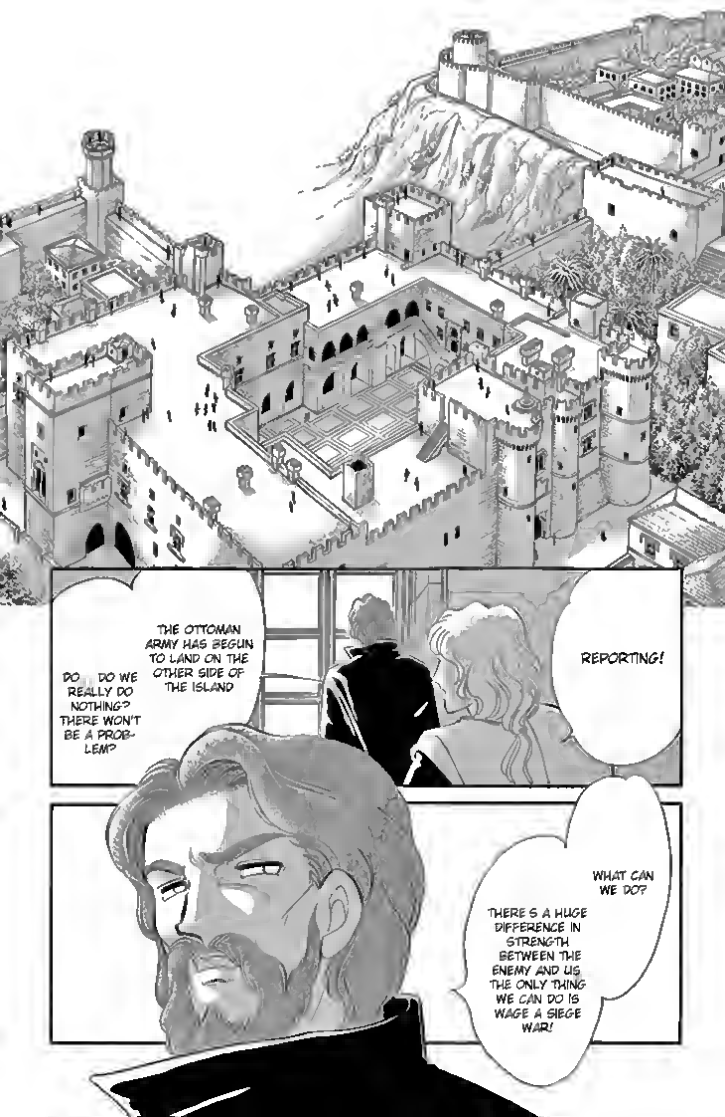
IS IT REALLY MY BROTHER'S CHILD?
THE CHILD IN YOUR STOMACH...
HURREM.
I'LL ONLY ASK THIS ONCE PLEASE ANSWER SERIOUSLY!

RHODES








REPORTING!
THE OTTOMAN ARMY HAS BEGUN TO LAND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND
DO WE DO NOTHING? THERE WON'T BE A PROBLEM?
WHAT CAN WE DO?
THERE'S A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN STRENGTH BETWEEN THE ENEMY AND US. THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO IS WAGE A SIEGE WAR!

VERY GOOD
CONTINUE TO WATCH THEM CLOSELY, AND DO NOT MISS ANYTHING!
AGAIN, HE CAME TO SCOUT HIMSELF
SULTAN SULEIMAN'S TENT IS SET UP ON TOP OF A MOUNTAIN NORTHWEST OF THE CASTLE
—YES, SIR

VIZIER AHMED AND CASSIM ARE ALSO IN THEIR PLACES
YOUR MAJESTY
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MUSTAFA IS SOUTH OF THE CITY
OKAY, IBARAHIM
THEN. . LET'S START!

SUMMER OF 1522.
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ARE 160
THOUSAND
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